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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 20, 1898.

	P.M.	Night.	A.M	A.M.	A.M.	P.M*
New York....	8.00	12.15	.....	.....	9.00	2.00
Philadelphia.	11.20	4.30	7.00	8.30	12.25	4.35
Washington...	10.40	.....	.....	7.50	10.50	.....
Baltimore	11.41	4.50	.....	8.40	11.45	.....

	D'ly A.M	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. P. M.	Dly PM.
Harrisburg.....	3.00	8.00	11.48	11.45	3.50	5.00
Rockville		8.12	11.59	.....	.....	5.13
Marysville.....	3.14	8.17	12.03	.....	.....	5.18
Duncannon.....3.29		8.35	12.16	.....	4.15	5.34
Newport 3.52		9.05	12.37	.....	4.35	6.02
Millerstown.		9.15	12.45	.....	.....	6.11
Thompsontown		9.26	12.53	.....	.....	6.21
Port Royal.....4.25		9.44	1.07	.....	.....	6.38
Mifflin 4.30		9.50	1.11	.....	5.07	6.43
Lewistown Jc.4.52		10.13	1.30	1.10	5.27	7.07
McVeytown....5.15		10.38	1,49	.....	.....	7.30
N. Hamilton...5.33		11.00	2.06	.....	.....	7.50
Mount Union...5.39		11.06	2.10	.....	6.08	7.56
Mapleton. 5.45		11.13	2.15	.....	.....	8.02
Huntingdon. ...6.03		11.32	2.29	2.01	6.27	8.20
Petersburg 6 19		11.47	2.43	.....	.....	8.33
Birmingham ...6.46		12.13	3.07	h	l	8.56
Tyrone. 6.52		12.20	3 12	2.40	7.04	9.02
Bellwood.....7.17		12.41	3.29	.....	7.23	9.20
Altoona.....7.40		1.00	3.45	3.10	7.40	9.35
Pittsburg.....12.10		5.50	8.40	6.55	11.30	2.00
	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M

Harrisburg 10.20, Rockville 10.31, Marysville 10.34, Duncannon 10.47, Newport 11.06 Millerstown 11.14, Mifflin 11.40, Lewistown Junction 11.58, p. m. Huntingdon 12.55, Tyrone 1.32, Altoona 2.00, Pittsburg 5.30 a. m.

"h" stops to take on passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Week days	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A. M.	D'ly. A. M.	Dly PM.	D'ly. P. M.	D'ly. P. M.
Pittsburg.....		2.50	8.00		12.45	4.30
Altoona.....	5.00	7.15	11.40	2.05	5.50	9.05
Bellwood.....	5.12	7.30	11.52	2.19	6.04	9.19
Tyrone	5.24	7.48	12.03	2.35	6.20	9.33
Birmingham .	5.28	7.53	g	2.40	6.24	
Petersburg ...	5 45	8.17		3.03	6.47	
Huntingdon....5.57		8.30	12.35	3.17	7.09	10.12
Mapleton. 6.11		8.47		3.35	7.15	
Mt. Union.....6.16		8.53	12.54	3.42	7.21	10.32
N. Hamilton ...6.21		8.58		3.47	7.26	
McVeytown....6.37		9.15		4.08	7.41	
Lewiston Jc....6.58		9.35	1.33	4.33	8.06	11.16
Mifflin.....7.18		9.55	1.50	4.55	8.26	11.37
Port Royal.....7.22		9.59		5.00	8.31	
Thompsontown7.37		10.14		5.18	8 47	
Millerstown. ...7.46		10.22		5.28	8.57	
Newport 7.55		10.32	2.24	5.39	9.05	
Duncannon.....8.20		10.54	2.44	6.08	9.29	
Marysville 8.33		11.07	2.56	6.26	9.43	
Rockville. 8.38		11.12		6.32	9.48	
Harrisburg.....8.50		11.25	3.10	6.45	10.00	1.00

Pittsburg 2.50, Altoona 6.05, Tyrone 6.27, Huntingdon 6.57, Harrisburg 9.10 A. M. daily.

	P.M.	P. M.	P. M.	P.M.	A.M
Baltimore.....	11.55	*3.11	6.00	9.45	
Washington..	1.00	*4.10	7.15	10.55	
Phila.....11.48		11.52	*3.00	6.23	10.20	4.30
New York 2.13		2.23	*5.53	9.30	3.53	7.13

Additional trains are run as under:—

Leave Pittsburg 8.30 P. M. daily, Altoona 12.15 A. M., Huntingdon 1.10 A. M.; arrive Harrisburg 3.40 A. M., Philadelphia 6.52 A. M.

Leave Pittsburg 7.30 A. M. daily, Altoona 11.05 A. M., Tyrone 11.30 A. M., Huntingdon 12.03 P. M., Lewistown Junction 1.02 p. m., arrive Harrisburg 2.40p.m., Philadelhia 5.47 p. m., New York, Desbrosses and Cortlandt Sts. 8.08; W. Twenty-third St. Station 8.20 p. m., Baltimore 6.00 p.m., Washington 7.15 p.m.

*Week-days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops on signal only.

Connecting trains leave as follows:

At Lewistown Junction.—For Sunbury 7.30 A. M. and 3.05 P. M. week days.

For Milroy 6.40, 10.20 A. M. and 3.00 p. M. week days.

At Huntingdon—For Bedford and Cumberland 8.35 A. M. and 7.05 P. M. week days. Bedford only 8.00 A. M. Sundays.

At Tyrone—For Clearfield and Curwensville 8.20 A. M., 3.20 and 7.20 P. M. week days.

For Bellefonte and Lock Haven 8.10 A. M., 12.30 and 7.15 P. M. week days.

For Scotia 7.50 A.M. and 3.15 P.M. week days.

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Schedule in effect Sept 7, 1898.

NORTH. Irreg., No. 5.	NORTH. Mail, No. 3.	NORTH. Mail, No. 1	STATIONS.	SOUTH. Mail, No. 2.	SOUTH. Mail, No. 4	SOUTH. Irreg., No. 6.
a. m.	p.M.	a.m		A. M.	p m.	a. m.
7 22	1 07	6 20	Robertsdale	11 39	6 39	7 04
7 34	1 19	6 32	Cook's	11 24	6 27	6 54
7 46	1 31	6 44	Cole's	11 09	6 15	6 34
8 14	1 59	7 10	Saltillo	10 39	5 30	6 01
8 22	2 07	7 17	Three Springs	10 30	5 21	5 54
8 34	2 19	7 29	*Beersville	10 15	5 07	5 42
8 49	2 34	7 43	Rockhill	9 53	4 44	5 30
	2 50	8 00	Shirley	9 38	4 29	
	3 00	8 08	*Augh. Mills	9 30	4 21	
	3 21	8 28	Mount Union	9 15	4 06	
a. m.	p. m.	a m		a. m.	p. m.	a. m.

Irreg. No. 7, leaves Robertsdale 5.03 p. m., Cook's 5.13, Cole's 5.25, Saltillo 5.45, Three Springs 5.53, Beersville 6.05, arrive at Rockhill 6.20 p. m.

Irreg. No. 8, leaves Rockhill 3.10 p. m., Beersville 3.22, Three Springs 3.34, Saltillo 3.41, Cole's 4.06, Cook's 4.18, arrive at Robertsdale 4.30 p. m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST. Irreg., No. 12	WEST. Mail, No. 10	STATIONS.	EAST Irreg., No. 9	EAST Mail, No. 11
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.
5 50	7 25	L Rockhill A	6 30	4 55
5 43	7 18	*Blacklog	6 37	5 02
5 35	7 10	*Cedar Rock	6 45	5 10
5 31	7 06	*Locke Vall'y	6 49	5 14
5 25	7 00	*Shade Gap Stair	6 55	5 20
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Mail trains Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11 and irregular trains 9 and 12 run daily except Sunday. Irregular trains 5, 6, 7 and 8 do not run daily, but carry passengers when run.

* Flag stations.

A. W. GREENWOOD, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 8—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—A precious invitation.—Math. xi, 25-30.—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Math. xi, 25.

This is the most precious of all Christ's invitations, but much of the richness of it is lost because it is taken apart from its surroundings. To properly understand it we must have a picture of the entire chapter before us. Up to this point, by the record of Matthew, Christ's life has been fairly successful, but now the tide turns. The doubt of John, the unreasonableness of humanity, the unbelief of favored cities now thrust themselves upon Him, but still His heart is touched by their great need, their vain and unsatisfactory efforts to save themselves, and in spite of doubt, unreasonableness and unbelief, He invites them to come to Him for rest. Notice:

1. The Inviter. The one who gives this great invitation, containing such a precious promise, is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. "Come to Me," He says, "and I will give you rest." We want two characteristics in one who makes us a precious promise, (1) the ability to fulfill it and (2) the willingness to fulfill it. Either without the other makes the promise of no value. Christ possesses both. As the Son of God He has the power, and, being divine, He must have the willingness. Divinity could not be faithless to a promise. We can accept this invitation therefore with confident assurance, because of the character of the one who gives it, that the promise it contains will be fulfilled.

2. The Invited. They are those who "labor and are heavy laden." There are three such classes in the world. 1. Those who are physically weary and heavy laden, worn out by the toils and burdens of life. 2. Those who are mentally heavy laden; borne down mentally by the failures, disappointments and afflictions of life. 3. Those who are spiritually weary and heavy laden, who are not at peace with God; whose consciences are ill at ease, who are seeking spiritual rest, but do not find it. Christ addresses the third class here. He speaks to those who are burdened with sin and wearied with false conceptions of religion. Their religious life is unsatisfactory. It does not bring peace to their souls.

3. The Invitation. The promise contained in the invitation is "rest," not physical or mental, but spiritual rest. "Ye shall find rest unto your souls." It is soul rest that is promised, but soul rest insures to a large extent physical and mental rest. Sin is the cause of the unrest of the world. Make the soul at peace with God and physical and mental burdens largely lose their burdensomeness.

To have this promise fulfilled in us we must take Christ as our religious Leader and Guide. We must follow Him and obey Him. We must take His yoke upon us, but it is easy (wholesome), and His burden is light because it is a labor of love. If weary and heavy laden, let us accept this great and precious invitation.

Bible Readings.—Isa. i, 18-20; lv, 1-13; Jer. vi, 16; Math. xix, 16-22; xxii, 1-14; xxv, 34-46; Mark i, 16-18; x, 17-22; Luke xv, 11-24; John x, 1-9; xiv, 1-7; Acts vii, 1-4; Gal. vi, 9; I John v, 3; Rev. xxii, 17.

Willful Blindness.

As we look through a telescope and obtain a glimpse of the wonders it reveals or as we study the results which have been attained by experts in its use the mind is naturally impressed with the grandeur and power of the Creator of the heavenly bodies. When we learn something of their movements through space, movements so absolutely accurate that their phases and positions can be foretold with perfect certainty long centuries in advance, defying competition by the most perfect instruments of human devising, it is impossible with any show of reason to deny the controlling presence of an infinite mind.—Episcopal Recorder.

After Long Years.

After long years work is visible. In agriculture you cannot see the growth. Pass that country two months after and there is a difference. We acquire firmness and experience incessantly. Every action, every word, every meal, is part of our trial and our discipline. We are assuredly ripening or else blighting. We are not conscious of those changes which go on quietly and gradually in the soul. We only count the shocks in our journey. Ambitions die, grace grows, as life goes on.—Frederick W. Robertson.

What is commonly known as heart disease is frequently an aggravated form of Dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from Indigestion, it can be cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

SMITH VALLEY.

J. F. Pheasant, the jovial blacksmith of Latta Grove, together with his wife and son, spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. L. R. Smith, of Altoona.

M. B. Wright, the successful teacher of the Cassville school, closed his school during the holiday week, and spent the time with his mother, where he gave his study to educational themes.

R. P. and Elmer Smith are rapidly preparing to erect new buildings on the Isaiah Reynolds farm, purchased by them some time since. They expect to build both a house and a barn next summer.

Our schools seem to be doing well and from observations it would seem that our Board of Education deserves the compliments of the patrons for the competent corps of teachers employed this winter.

The Latta Grove shingle mill, operated by Geo. D. Lynn, and J. H. Dell, is now running at full capacity. They cut a superior grade of shingles which find a ready market among our citizens who "know a good thing when they see it."

Emerson Chilcote, Miss Fisher, of Petersburg, E. S. Chilcote, of Altoona, J. G. Dell and wife, of Huntingdon, were among those who spent the holiday season with friends in this section; while Miss Minnie Wright is visiting in Dudley and Robert Chilcote is circulating among his many friends in the Mountain city.

The stave mill on Israel Quarry's farm seems to be doing a good business. We are sorry, however, that the success of this industry requires the complete destruction of so much young timber, which destruction has wonderfully changed the beauty and utility of our forests as a factor in the meteoralogy of the country.

J. Frank Wright is suffering from the effects of a fall by which he broke three of his ribs. It seems strange, doesn't it, that our friend should spend three years as a mark for rebel sharp-shooters, passing through the Wilderness, Antietam, and Gettysburg battles without a wound, and then be knocked out by a wagon tongue.

During the last eight months, young men who have engaged in the matrimonial enterprise, have claimed as their own six of our young women all of whom were active workers in the church. This materially affects the singing in our congregations and the Sabbath school suffers not a little because of this heartfelt captivity into which our blooming young damsels are taken. Notice is hereby given that. while we still have some excellent young women, we want to keep them in our community, and that any young man who heartlessly robs this section of another of our young women will receive the just condemnation of the citizens in general, unless he and his bride remain in the community.

The Garfield school was closed during last week so that the teacher, Miss Kittie Adams, could spend the holiday season with her parents at Newport, Pa.

On the evening of December 27, several of our young folks met at the home of Miss Minnie Lynn where they enjoyed an evening sociable given in honor of Miss Minnie's birthday.

John D. Crotsley is burning a kiln of lime on the farm in Hare's valley owned by J. H. Stever. He is building a very large kiln, but we are informed that the capacity of the kiln is insufficient to meet the demand for lime which is being used extensively by our most energetic and progressive farmers as a fertilizer. These men have learned that as the amount of lime used increases their debts decrease and their bank account increases. A few years since, many of our farmers concluded that it would pay better to use commercial fertilizers than lime; consequently, not much lime was used. Now they are convinced that better results follow the careful use of barn-yard fertilizers mixed with a goodly supply of lime, the place of which can never be successfully filled by any commercial compounds. We have watched the farming interests carefully in this section and we know by observation that farmers, who a few years ago hauled grain into the valley are now hauling hundreds of bushels out of the valley since the free use of lime began. A little acid compound seems to be good, but it is much better both for the production of grain and hay when used along with lime.

We frequently hear someone say, "What has become of our birds?" During the winter we have been forced to ask ourselves this question; for in looking around over the fields and along the roads we have seen but three snowbirds. Twenty years ago the fence corners, during the winter, seemed to be alive with these little members of the feathered family. If Lowell lived at this time, he would not write that beautiful clause in which he says he watched: "The sudden flurries of snowbirds, like brown leaves flitting by." They are not here to flit. What has caused this absence of our feathered neighbors? Why is it that we see so few birds both in the summer and in the winter? Is it because the double-barreled breech-loading shot gun has come among us: Alas! we fear that this is partly the cause at least. So many persons are too careless about how they use a gun. Too often they shoot at birds "just to see if they can hit them." This is entirely wrong. We can not afford to lose the little birds; they are among the country's best friends. We said we were afraid the careless or thoughtless use of the shot gun had much to do with this destruction. We know at least that it has caused some havoc in the animal world. Since the age of the double-barreled shot gun the owls are forced to sleep in the day time and hunt their food at night while the boys sleep; the cunning progeny of that which beguiled our great-grandmother, Eve, has preferred to travel in a recumbent posture; and even the tortoise carries with him his coat of mail beneath which he can hide his head at a moment's warning. Boys, be careful how you use your gun, and above everything else protect the birds which are a source of much pleasure to him who loves to commune with Nature.

What It Means.

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Christian Sacrifice.

Sacrifice is a necessary condition of eternal felicity. In the old Norse legend Allfadir did not obtain a drink from the spring of Mimir, which was reputed to be the fountain of wisdom, until he left his eye in pledge. If a man would be a Christian, there are always some things that must go. We are saved from, not with, our sins. The old nature cannot be imported into paradise.—New York Observer.

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or Indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

Christ's Atonement.

The extent of Christ's atonement may reach out in saving influence to the untold millions that never heard of Him as a Saviour if they accept the offer of mercy extended.—Rev. Paul C. Curnick.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. A. B. Gillam and J. O. Heaton.

A Pair of Artistic Liars.

Here is a story told of Patrick O'Mars, a private in the Ninth regulars: Not long ago he went to the colonel, who was a severe disciplinarian, for a two weeks' leave of absence.

"Well," said the colonel, "what do you want a two weeks' furlough for?"

Patrick answered: "Me woife is very sick, and the children are not well, and if ye didn't mind, she would like to have me home for a few weeks to give her a bit of assistance."

The colonel eyed him for a few minutes and said: "Patrick, I might grant your request, but I got a letter from your wife this morning saying that you were a nuisance, and raised the devil whenever you were there. She hopes I won't let you have any more furloughs."

"That settles it. I suppose I can't get the furlough, then?" said Pat.

"No, I'm afraid not, Patrick. It wouldn't be well for me to do so under the circumstances."

It was Patrick's turn now to eye the colonel, as he started to the door. Stopping suddenly, he said:

"Colonel, can I say something to yez?"

"Certainly, Patrick, what is it?"

"You won't be mad, colonel, if I say it?"

"Certainly not, Patrick; what is it?"

"I want to say there are two splendid liars in the room, and I'm one of them. I was never married in my life."—*New York Tribune.*

"I think I am in love with that girl; when she comes around I get three new diseases."

"What are they?"

"Palpitation of the heart, ossification of the head and paralysis of the tongue."

To the Public.

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BY AND BY.

Down the stream where the tide is clearer,
Further on where the shores are fair,
Are the gracious forms we would fain be nearer,
The names we breathe in the voice of prayer,
Be the voyage long, they will be the dearer
When after a while we shall greet them there,
Further on, where the tide is clearer,
Down the stream where the shores are fair.

By and by, when the sun is shining,
After a while, when the skies are blue,
When the clouds unfold their silver lining
And the peaceful isles drift into view,
We shall free our tongues from dull repining,
And our hearts with the joys or youth renew,
After a while, when the sun is shining,
By and by, when the skies are blue.
—Nixon Waterman, in Chicago Journal.

A Scientific Tragedy.

Four of us were sitting in the bay window of the hotel. There was England, the lanscape painter; Harrison, the civil engineer; Eardley Britton, the professor of physiology, and myself.

Politics had been discussed, books talked over, and nothing remained but the last refuge of the weary—story telling.

Harrison tried to thrill us with a profoundly uninteresting tale of a bridge, judged by him to be safe, which had gone down five minutes after (or was it before?) he had tested it.

England told at great length a harrowing recital of the loss and recovery of one of his own pictures, which some presumably bad judge of painting had stolen.

To impart a little life to the gathering I told a very good story, thoroughly original, about stopping at an inn on the slopes of the Black Forest mountains; how I had not liked the landlord's appearance, and how he very nearly robbed and murdered me but for my presence of mind in leaving the inn next morning.

Strange to say, this story also fell flat, and so we asked Britton for a tale.

"Ah, well," said he, "you fellows may laugh, but I've had one stirring adventure in my time, young as I am. (Britton's discoveries in brain physiology had won him his D. Sc. of London university at the age of 26, and his further successes had given him world-wide fame.)

"I have never told this to anyone before," went on Britton, "as I've always felt rather nervous about it. But it's five years ago now, so I think I'll venture, if you care to listen.

"It was just after I got my D. Sc. I went straight to Leipsic to study under Virhoff. I had good recommendations from Crane, Thompson and other big lights. I first hunted for lodgings, but they all seemed full, till at last I turned down a street of dark, tall houses, and in the window of one stood the welcome announcement that lodgings were to be let within.

"The place suited me admirably, especially as there was a large rambling room under the roof, which I saw at once would be the very thing for my laboratory. So I had my traps brought up and was soon quite at home.

"The great Virhoff was a man about 70 years of age, white-haired, venerable and with a look of gentle and placid serenity on his face. I went home highly delighted with my reception, for I had expected to meet some soured old votary of science, and lo! a genial old philanthropist!

"During the next six months I worked hard and found the benefit of such teaching as Virhoff could give. Now, all this time I was busy in my spare moments on the 'medulla oblongata' and its functions, and I thought something might come of my researches in that direction, though truth to say, I had very hazy notions about what did come at last. But I was very shy about this private work of mine, and although I talked topics, I did not say anything about my pet subject.

"One day, however, after an unusually brilliant lecture of Virhoff's, I waited for him, and we sauntered slowly down the street together, his arm resting affectionately in mine. Neither spoke for some time, so at last he said playfully: 'Well, my young friend, you seem dull today. Is it that you are in what you English call "a brown study?" '

" 'I was thinking,' said I, moved to a sudden confidence, 'of some researches I have been recently making.'

" 'Ah, yes,' said he, inquiringly, 'in what direction?'

" 'Well, master,' I replied, 'I have been doing what many men have tried to do, that is, find out the precise functions of the medulla oblongata.'

"As I said the words I felt my arm violently pressed by that of the old man, as if he had a sudden electric shock. I looked up in surprise.

" 'Pardon me,' he said, 'it is a slight affection of the heart to which I am subject. You were saying—'

" 'But, master,' I replied, 'this is dangerous. Have you consulted anyone?'

" 'No, no!" he cried, impatiently. 'Think nothing more about it. You were saying something about some little researches of yours. You must let me come to see your laboratory. Perhaps I may be able to give you some hints.'

"A few weeks passed away, and I was getting feverishly anxious. My experiments turned out even more successful than I had hoped, and light was beginning to dawn on me. Virhoff, in the meanwhile, had been, if possible, kinder to me than ever, and it was evident, I think, to all that I was his pet pupil.

"One day he said to me: 'Well, dear pupil, and how go the researches? I must call in the evening and see your little workshop, is it not so?' It was arranged that he would call in about 7 o'clock, on his way home from a friend's house.

"As I sat, just when dusk was coming on, a modification of my latest experiment came into my head. It was a startling idea, and I rushed into my laboratory and plunged at once in the medias res. For some time I worked in silence, expectation at fever point.

"Suddenly I dropped my scalpel and drew a long breath. I had finished! My work was over, and the discovery was made. My brain was all in a whirl, and I had hardly self-control enough to note down the final result, and how it was obtained, in my notebook, which I then put in my pocket.

"The cathedral struck 7 at that moment, and a knock was heard at my laboratory door. I went to open it and found my master waiting outside.

" 'What!' he cried. 'You seem excited, carried out of yourself (do not the English speak so?). You are kind to be thus overjoyed to see the old master.'

"I smiled, and my heart beat the news I was presently going to give him. How glad he would be! How he would wring my hand and beam upon me!

"Virhoff had his back to me and was bending down over some papers when suddenly I heard him utter a sort of choking gasp, and I saw his whole body shake convulsively. I rushed to his side, and he looked round at me with a face as white as the dead. His lips moved, but no sound came from them, but still he stared at me with glassy, horror-stricken eyes,

" 'I must go home,' he said.

"I expostulated in vain, but when I found he was determined I rose to accompany him, but to my surprise he would not let me go any further than my sitting room door.

"I heard his steps going downstairs and then the clang of the hall door as it closed upon him. He had dropped the paper on my landing, and I had mechanically picked it up. I now looked at it and found it was one of my concluding experiments, before noting in my book.

"I slept very badly that night, what with one thing and another, and I remember very well of getting up to feel if my precious notebook was safe.

"At last, out of all patience, I got up, put on my dressing gown and determined to go to my laboratory and take a look around, thinking by this means to settle my mind. What was my astonishment to see a light faintly shining under the laboratory door!

"I listened breathlessly at the keyhole and distinctly heard somebody moving about, and once I thought I heard an impatient sigh.

"I put my hand on the knob, but must have made some slight noise in so doing, for the light was instantly extinguished. In I dashed, but fell prostrate over a chair, which had been cleverly placed at the entrance.

"Something brushed past me in the darkness, rushed through the door and downstairs. But as I got to the top of the bottom flight of stairs I heard the bolt of the hall door shot back, and I just got to the street in time to see a cloaked figure running with incredible swiftness 49 or 50 yards away. It was impossible for me, glad as I was, to pursue it.

"Morning came and with it a kind letter from Professor Virhoff, telling me that his indisposition made it impossible for him to lecture and inviting me to come to his house in the afternoon, and 'I was to be sure,' said the letter, 'to bring with me with any notes I might have made on the functions of the medulla oblongata, as he wished to see how far I had got in the study of that organ.'

"I ate my lunch in a dream and was actually on my way to the professor's when I suddenly remembered that I had left my precious notebook behind me. I hastily ran back, snatched it up from an experimenting table and made the best of my way to my master's house, knowing that he much disliked unpunctuality.

"I still fancied that his face was a trifle pale and that his hand shook. This latter fact was brought to my notice by his letting a glass fall after dinner. He had just raised it to his lips when I said: 'Now, master, I have a wonderful piece of news for you. I have discovered the true function of the medulla oblongata.'

"Hardly had the words left my lips when his glass dropped to the ground. I rang the bell for the servant at the professor's request, and in turning to do so faced a small mirror on the wall. I saw Virhoff's face reflected for one brief instant, and such an awful look of maglinant hatred as was then depicted on it I never wish to see again.

"I turned hastily around and could not but believe that my eyes had played me false, for there he sat smiling gently as before. He began to talk at once, expressing, as I thought he would, great gladness at my news, 'though,' said he, 'I can hardly yet credit it, even from you, my dear friend.'

"He proposed that we should adjourn to his laboratory, where we could discuss matters in a more scientific atmosphere, as it were. 'Of course you brought your notes,' added he.

"I told him that I had, and we went down a long flight of steps and along one or two passages till we came to our destination.

"We stepped inside, and, to my surprise, Virhoff locked the door behind us and put the key in his pocket. After showing me his treasures he clapped me cordially on the shoulder and said: 'Now, dear pupil, I shall sit on the chair here in front of you—quite at home, eh?—and you shall tell me all about your discovery.'

"I perched on the table, Virhoff sitting in front of me, smiling fixedly. 'First let me see your notes, will you?' said he. I handed him my notebook silently. 'Sit still,' said he; 'don't move.'

"Hardly had he said the words when I felt a shock and knew that a strong electric current was passing through me. I was powerless to move.

" 'Ha, ha, young friend, dear young friend!' said Virhoff. 'You feel the thrill, is it not so? Listen. O great discoverer. By pressing this knob, which you see here, I make an end of you, sure and safe; and that is what I am presently going to do. You baby-faced fool! Shall chance put into your hands what I, Virhoff, have spent my life trying to discover?'

" 'I it was whom you surprised last night. At night I tried to find out if you had discovered the secret for which I had toiled in vain, for I guessed from the paper that you must be on the right track. But I could find nothing, so I brought you and your discovery here and mean to kill you and keep it.'

" 'My work is meat and drink to me; it is the blood, the life of my heart! You—you boy—is it fit that you should by accident find out what has been to me the work of hours and hours of secret toil?'

" 'No, dear young friend; you have only one more discovery to make, and that will be when I once more press the knob, and then you will be dead, dear pupil, dead! How droll!' and he laughed shrilly.

"My soul froze with horror under the malevolent eye of the maniac, for such I judged him to be.

"He quickly opened the notebook and dashed hastily over the pages. For a few minutes no sound was heard save his hurried breathing. I was too faint with fear to say one word. Suddenly he uttered an exclamation of surprise and disgust and threw the book down.

" 'But—but,' stammered he, 'you have discovered nothing. It is all wrong, all wrong,' and he paced backward and forward in uncontrollable agitation. At last he stopped, clapped his hands to his side and laughed loudly in a very forced manner.

" 'Ha, ha!' shouted he, "what a jest! I believe the boy thinks I am in earnest! See!' and he pressed another knob. The electric circuit was broken, and I jumped down from the table, free once more. 'You must allow the old man his joke,' said he, still laughing nervously. 'See, here is your book.'

"I cannot tell with what relief I followed Virhoff upstairs. He still talked volubly, praying me not to be offended at his ill-timed jest. I could hardly answer him and took the first opportunity of bidding him good night.

"One idea kept coming to me. What had he meant by saying that I had made no discovery? Had he, then, detected some error, some weak point? I found out, gentlemen, when I got home, the answer to the enigma, and the cold sweat came to my brow once more when I saw that my life had been saved by my having, in my hurry, put the wrong book in my pocket when I went to Virhoff's.

"Next day I published my discovery, and the day afterward the newspapers announced the suicide of the 'eminent Professor Virhoff, a man renowned alike for his scientific discoveries and for his unfailing goodness of heart and benignity of demeanor.' "

In Havana, Cuba, the mean annual temperature varies in different years from 77 to 79. Throughout the West Indies the mean annual temperature near the sea is from 78 to 80.

HIS SECRET FRIEND.

Why an Oak-Leaf Chaplet Was Laid on Gladstone's Bier.

Really great men are apt to like quiet ways in their benevolence. They Do good by stealth and blush to find it fame. There lives an humble but thrifty shoemaker in Berlin, Prussia, who remembers one instance of this with perennial gratitude.

When he was a young man he went to London and opened a little workshop, but his gains were so small that he made nothing beyond his present needs and his hope to earn a home of his own seemed doomed to disappointment. A worthy German girl at service in the city had become engaged to him and his pride at first would not suffer him to tell her the whole truth; but when one day a customer came with a generous order and he found himself too poor to buy the leather to make the shoes he felt that he must share his trouble with his only friend.

In the brief hours of a half holiday they took a stroll together and among other places visited St. Paul's cathedral. By the time they entered the famous whispering gallery he found courage to reveal the whole story of his circumstances. Their presence in the church suggested the one theme nearest their hearts, and in talking of it he forced himself to tell his betrothed wife that their marriage was almost beyond hope.

The brave girl encouraged him and insisted on giving him her own little savings so that he might purchase the leather and fill his customer's order. Business would improve and their prospects brighten by and by, she said.

Probably both were too much occupied to realize that they stood where "walls have ears," and ceilings are telltales—and that there are Englishmen to whom German is no unknown tongue.

Unknown to the young shoemaker, when next day he went to buy the leather, he was "shadowed." The person who followed him was not a detective, but a gentleman, who had been commissioned to inquire about him, with satisfactory results. The shoemaker was about to pay for his purchases when the leather merchant astonished him by offering to give him credit. The unseen "shadow" had contrived to say a good word for him in the ear of the merchant.

That open account was the beginning of better days for the poor young man. Prosperity followed, and surprising orders from the wealthiest families poured in. He married and established a comfortable home, and for years was known in London as the "Parliament shoemaker."

Had he stayed in London he might never have known who his secret friend was, but the longing of his wife for her native country finally decided him to return to Berlin. When he paid his last bill his dealer told him that the man to whom he owed the credit that put him on his feet was Mr. Gladstone. The great minister happened to be in the whispering gallery at the opportune moment, and had overheard the tale of the young workman's poverty.

When Mr. Gladstone died a plain oak-leaf chaplet came from Berlin through the hands of the British consul in that city, to be placed with the funeral offerings around the statesman's casket. It was the German shoemaker's gift of remembrance after twenty years.—Youth's Companion.

Fifteenth Century Sword Found.

Captain S. B. Parker of Longmeadow, in his researches of the attic attending his recent restoration of the "old red house," discovered some articles of great antiquity and historic interest, among them a sword and sword cane. Connoisseurs who have examined the sword affirm that it dates back to the 15th century, at least. It is of French make, the guard and grip being of wrought iron, hammered by hand. The maker's name, "Hollier," is on the guard, and a French eagle is engraved over the name. The blade is of finest steel and is still keen; it is 33 inches in length, with the royal insignia of France, the fleur de lis, engraved on both sides of it. The house, which was built by Captain Simon Colton in 1734-35, was kept by him early in its history as a hostelry, and the soldiers of both army and navy, in both the French and Indian and revolutionary wars, as they passed through the Connecticut valley, were wont to quarter there, and whether the sword was left by some soldier or was a treasured heirloom of a Puritan ancestor will doubtless continue to be a mystery.—Springfield Republican.

Safe Within the Union Jack.

The special correspondent of the Daily Mail notices a curious circumstance of the Kaiser's entry into Jerusalem. The Turkish police cleared the roadway by most impartially whacking and banging everyone who attempted to trespass upon it. But there was one exception in the shape of an old woman who was allowed to wander at will along the open space reserved for the imperial party. She was wearing a petticoat made of a tattered union jack. Doubtless the Turkish police thought she was a British tourist, whose eccentricities are everywhere respected.—London Globe.

CYCLING NOTES.

The mile record now stands at 1 minute 31 4-5 seconds.

The question of the popularity of tandems is still being widely discussed.

The average weight of '99 machines is one to two pounds lighter than the '98 model.

Schweinfurt, in Bavaria, is the seat of the largest manufactory in Europe for steel balls for bicycle bearings.

Two enterprising Englishmen have invented a back-pedaling brake that has been indorsed by several well-known bicycle designers.

The price of all chain bicycles has been reduced, the cut ranging from $10 to $25, the former reduction predominating on the high grades.

The "season" for riding the bicycle is no longer governed by the almanac. The state of the roads and weather is all that needs to be considered.

Professional racing has secured a firm hold in Europe. Until last season the racing centre was Paris, but it has moved to Berlin, where the principal events were decided last season.

The ordinance passed by the Chicago Common Council requiring all vehicles, including bicycles, to pay a license fee has been declared unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court.

There seems to be a well founded idea that 1899 is going to be a good year for the chainless wheel, one of the reasons for the notion being the decrease in price of this kind of bicycle from $125 to $75.

A well-built juvenile wheel costs, proportionately, more to manufacture than does a twenty-four or twenty-two-inch frame wheel. The difference in the quantity of materials used is trifling, while the amount of labor is fully as great as upon a full-sized wheel.

Tandem riders should always keep well within their powers, and the weaker rider should be especially careful not to do too much work. As long as the riders pedal free and keep in step, so to speak, a good pace can be maintained with comparatively little exertion.

A rivetless chain has just been invented in England, the main feature of which is that a single link is employed instead of the double side link usual in the block or twin-roller chain, and that to give the chain the necessary purchase over the chain wheel a double tooth is substituted for the usual single tooth.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild left a fortune of about $10,000,000.

Cambridge University has made Lord Kitchener, of Khartoum, a Doctor of Laws.

General Hector MacDonald, the English officer who won fame at Omdurman, rose from the ranks.

The Rev. D. Stuart Dodge is the new President of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

The real name of Jules Verne is Ochiewitz. He is a native of Warsaw and lives at Amiens, France.

Cecil Rhodes has presented a $250 cup, to be competed for by the colored football clubs of Cape Colony.

Rudyard Kipling has accepted the Vice-Presidency of the Navy League of England. He proposes to take an active part in the movement.

Governor Pingree owns the prize war scrapbook. It is of enormous proportions and yet treats mostly of the Michigan volunteers only.

M. de Blowitz, the famous Paris correspondent of the London Times, was born in Bohemia in 1825, and did not become a naturalized Frenchman until 1870.

Guy V. Henry, one of the new major-generals, has probably seen more and done more actual fighting and bears more wounds than any other officer in the army.

Mr. Simon, the new Senator from Oregon, is the smallest man in Congress—smaller than General Wheeler and Senator Wilson, who weighs only ninety-six pounds.

Lord Wolseley is a splendid artist. He paints very well indeed, and makes pen-and-ink or pencil sketches which are described as being of a very high order of merit.

Emperor William of Germany, while walking alone near Sans Souci Palace, Potsdam, on Christmas Day, talked freely with soldiers and workmen, and gave them Christmas presents.

Thomas Hardy, the novelist, owes much to his wife, for it was she who persuaded him to give up architecture for literary work, who copied his first novel and sent it to the publisher, and who still attends to most of the business part of his writing.

Lord Iveagh, who has given $1,250,000 to the Jenner Institute, and who will spend a like amount in improving a most unsanitary portion of Dublin, is reputed to be the richest Christian in the Kingdom of Great Britain. It is estimated that he is worth $70,000,000.

THE LABOR WORLD.

Delivery wagon drivers of Duluth, Minn., are organizing.

Belgium supports eighty-two industrial and trade schools and thirty-two apprentice shops.

New Albany, Ind., has a federal labor union composed of printers, cigarmakers and iron molders.

In San Francisco a move is on foot to amalgamate all the unions in the central body—the Labor Council.

Judge Meyers, of Bloomington, Ill., has decided that the union labor only clause in contracts has no standing before the court.

The native laborers of Mexico, the peon, receives from fifteen to twenty-five cents per day in Mexican silver at common labor.

The strike of the grocers' employes of Paris, France, has suddenly collapsed. It is stated that many of the strikers obtained their demands.

The Boston (Mass.) city council has ordered all city departments to advance the wages of laborers in the city employ to $2.25 per day.

The New Jersey State Board of Arbitration reports that for the year 1898 not a single strike has been successfully arbitrated in New Jersey by that body.

The Italian council of state recently decided that communes must abstain from granting subsidies from their budgets in support of the foundation or development of chambers of labor.

Denmark has the best and strongest federation of all crafts in Europe; nearly every trade is organized and affiliated. At the last annual convention of the Danish Federation of Labor 403 delegates, representing 69,720 members were present.

Thirty employes of the Newport News & Old Point Railway & Electric Company of Newport News, Va., have divided $16,000 between them, the gift of J. S. Darling, President of the company, and his son. Individual amounts were based on time of service. One man received a check for $1000, and several conductors received $750 each.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: "The Cradle of Jesus"—Lessons Drawn From the Miraculous Escape of the Infant Christ From the Perils That Encompassed Him.

TEXT: "Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him."—Matthew ii.. 13.

The cradle of the infant Jesus had no rockers, for it was not to be soothed by oscillating motion, as are the cradles of other princes. It had no embroidered pillow, for the young head was not to have such luxurious comfort. Though a meteor, ordinarily the most erratic and seemingly ungovernable of all skyey appearances, had been sent to designate the place where that cradle stood, and a choir had been sent from the heavenly temple to serenade its illustrious occupant with an epic, yet the cradle was the target for all earthly and diabolical hostilities. Indeed, I give you as my opinion that it was the narrowest and most wonderful escape of the ages that the child was not slain before He had taken His first step or spoken His first word. Herod could not afford to have Him born. The Cæsars could not afford to have Him born. The gigantic oppressions and abominations of the world could not afford to have Him born. Was there ever planned a more systematized or appalling bombardment in all the world than the bombardment of that cradle?

The Herod who led the attack was treachery, vengeance and sensuality impersonated. As a sort of pastime he slew Hyrcanus, the grandfather of his wife. Then he slew Mariamme, his wife. Then he butchered her two sons, Alexander and Aristobulus. Then he slew Antipater, his oldest son. Then he ordered burned alive forty people who had pulled down the eagle of his authority. He ordered the nobles who had attended upon his dying bed to be slain, so that there might be universal mourning after his disease. From that same deathbed he ordered the slaughter of all the children in Bethelem under two years of age, feeling sure that if he massacred the entire infantile population that would include the destruction of the child whose birthplace astronomy had pointed out with its finger of light. What were the slaughtered babes to him, and as many frenzied and bereft mothers? If he had been well enough to leave his bed, he would have enjoyed seeing the mothers wildly struggling to keep their babes and holding them so tightly that they could not be separated until the sword took both lives at one stroke, and others, mother and child, hurled from roofs of houses into the street, until that village of horseshoe shape on the hillside became one great butcher shop. To have such a man, with associates just as cruel and an army at his command, attempting the life of the infant Jesus, does there seem any chance for His escape? Then that flight southward for so many miles, across deserts and amid bandits and wild beasts (my friend, the late missionary and scientist Dr. Lansing, who took the same journey, said it was enough to kill both the Madonna and the Child), and poor residence in Cairo. You know how difficult it is to take an ordinary child successfully through the disorders that are sure to assail it even in comfortable homes and with all delicate ministries, and then think of the exposure of that famous babe in villages and lands where all sanitary laws were put at defiance, His first hours on earth spent in a room without any doors, and ofttimes swept by chilled night winds, then afterward riding many days under hot tropical sun, and part of many nights lest the avenger overtake the fugitive before He could be hidden in another land.

The sanhedrin also were affronted at the report of this mysterious arrival of a child that might upset all conventionalities and threaten the throne of the nation. "Shut the door and bolt it and double bar it against Him!" cried all political and ecclesiastical power. Christ on a retreat when only a few days of age, with all the privations and hardships and sufferings of retreat! When the glad news came that Herod was dead and the Madonna was packing up and taking her Child home, bad news also came that Archelaus, the son, had taken the throne—another crowned infamy. What chance for the babe's life? Will not some short grave hold the wondrous infant?

"Put Him to death!" was the order all up and down Palestine and all up and down the desert between Bethlehem and Cairo. The cry was: "Here comes an iconoclast of all established order! Here comes an aspirant for the crown of Augustus! If found on the streets of Bethlemem, dash Him to death on the pavement! If found on a hill, hurl Him down the rocks! Away with Him!" But the babe got home in safety and passed up from infancy to youth, and from youth to manhood, and from carpenter shop to Messiahship, and from Messiahship to enthronment, until the mightiest name on earth is Jesus, and there is no mightier name in heaven.

What I want to call your attention to is your narrow escape and mine and the world's narrow escape. Suppose that attempt on the young child's life had been successful! Suppose that delegation of wise men, who were to report to Herod immediately after they discovered the hard bed in the Bethlehem caravansary, had obeyed orders and reported! Suppose the beast carrying the Madonna and the Child in the flight had stumbled and flung to death its riders! Suppose Archelaus had got his hands on the babe that his father had failed to find! Suppose that among the children dashed from the Bethlehem house tops or separated by sword of the enraged constabulary Jesus had perished!

Still further remarking upon the narrow escape which you and I had and all the world had in that babe's escape, let me say that had that Herodic plot been successful the one instance of absolutely perfect character would never have been unfolded. The world had enjoyed the lives of many splendid men before Christ came. It had admired its Plato among philosophers, its Mithridates among heroes, its Herodotus among historians, its Phidias among sculptors, its Homer among poets, its Æsop among fabulists, its Æschylus among dramatists, its Demosthenes among orators, its Æsculapius among physicians, yet among the contemporaries of those men there were two opinions, as now there are two opinions, concerning every remarkable man. There were plenty in those days who said of them, "He cannot speak," or "He cannot sing," or "He cannot philosophize," or "His military achievement was a mere accident, or "His chisel, his pen, his medical prescription, never deserved the applause given." But concerning this full grown Christ, whose life was launched three decades before that first Christmas, the moans of camels and the bleat of sheep and the low of cattle mingled with the babe's first cry, while clouds that night were resonant with music, and star pointing down whispered to star, "Look, there He is!"

That Christ, after the detectives of Herod and Pilate and sanhedrin had watched Him by day and watched Him by night, year after year, was reported innocent. It was found out that when He talked to the vagrant woman in the temple it was to tell her to "go and sin no more," and that if He spoke with the penitent thief it was to promise him paradise within twenty-four hours, and that as He moved about He dropped ease of pain upon the invalid's pillow, or light upon the eye that lacked optic nerve, or put bread into the hands of the hungry, or took from the oriental hearse the dead young man and vitalized him and said to the widowed mother, "Here he is, alive and well," and she cried, "My boy, my boy!" and he responded, "Mother, mother!" And the sea, tossing too roughly some of His friends, by a word easier than a nurse's word to a petulant child He made it keep still. The very judge who for other reasons allowed Him to be put to death declared, "I find no fault in Him." Was there ever a life so thoroughly ransacked and hypercriticised that turned out to be so perfect a life? Now, you can imagine what would have been the calamity to earth and heaven, what a bereavement to all history, what swindling not only of the human race, but of cherubim and seraphim and archangel, if because of infernal incursion upon the bed of that Bethlehem babe this life of divine and glorious manhood had never been lived? The Christic parables would never have been uttered; the sermon on the mount, all adrip with benedictions, never preached; the golden rule, in picture frame of everlasting love, would never have been hung up for the universe to gaze upon and admire.

Still further remarking upon the narrow escape which you and I and the world had in the diversion of the persecutors from the place of nativity, let me say that had that Herodic raid upon the swaddling clothes been successful the world would never have known the value of a righteous peace. Much has been made of the fact that the world was at peace when Christ came. Yes. But what kind of peace was it? It was a peace worse than war. It was the peace of a graveyard. The Roman eagles had plucked out the world's eyesight and plunged their beaks through the heart of dead nations. It was a peace spoken of by a dying Indian chieftain when a Christian home missionary said to him, "You have been a warrior, and have been in many feuds, but you must be at peace with all your enemies in order to die aright." The dying chieftan replied: "That's easy enough. I am at peace with all my enemies, for I have killed all of them."

That was the style of peace on earth when Christ came, but the spirit of arbitration, which is to garland the tomb of this century and coronet the brow of the coming century, is consequent upon the midnight anthem above Bethlehem, two bars to that music, the first of divine ascription and the second of earthly pacification. "Glory to God and peace to men." In His manhood Christ pronounced the same doctrine, "Blessed are the merciful." Before the Bethlehem star flashed its significance, the theory was: "Blessed is wholesale cutthroatery. Blessed are those who can kill the most antagonists. Blessed are those who can most skillfully wield the battleax. Blessed are those who can stab the deepest with spear or roll a chariot wheel over the most wounded or put his charger's hoof on the most dead." The entirely new theory of our Christ was blessing for cursing, prayer for those who despitefully use you, foundries to turn spears into pruning hooks, redhot furnaces to melt swords into molds shaped like plowshares. If gigantic acerbities and worldwide tigerisms had, without any gospel opposition, gone on until now and been augmented by 1898 years of ferocity, by this time what would this world have been turned into? You ueed not remind me of the awful wars since the opening of the year one of our Christian era; for if the earth has been again and again lacerated into an Aceldama through improved weaponry of death and more rapidity of fire, Prussian breechloader which in 1866 startled the nations with unprecedented havoc eclipsed by contrivances that can sweep vaster numbers to death by one volley and telegraphy adding to gunnery new facilities for slaughter by instantly ordering armies to where they can do the most wholesale murder—I say if all this woe has been wrought, how much worse would it have been if the Christly revelation had not been let down from heaven on five runged ladder of musical scale and there had been no preaching of good will all up and down Christendom for nineteen centuries! The Bethlehem manger has given the most potent suggestion of peace the world has ever received. The cavalry horses cannot eat out of that manger.

I take another step forward in showing the narrow escape you and I had and the world had in the secretion of Christ's birthplace from the Herodic detectives, and the clubs with which they would have dashed the babe's life out, when I say that without the life that began that night in Bethlehem the world would have had no illumined deathbeds. Before the time of Christ good people closed their earthly lives in peace, while depending upon the Christ to come, and there were antediluvian saints and Assyrian saints and Egyptian saints and Grecian saints and Jerusalem saints long before the clouds above Bethlehem became a balcony filled with the best singers of a world where they all sing, but I cannot read that there was anything more than a quieting guess that came to those before Christ deathbeds. Job said something bordering on the confident, but it was mixed up with a story of "skin worms" that would destroy his body. Abraham and Jacob had a little light on the dying pillow, but compared with the after Christ deathbeds it was like the dim tallow candle of old beside the modern cluster of lights electric. I know Elijah went up in memorable manner, but it was a terrible way to go—a whirlwind of fire that must have been splendid to look at by those who stood on the banks of the Jordan, but it was a style of ascent that required more nerve than you and I ever had, to be a placid occupant of a chariot drawn by such a wild team. The triumphant deathbeds, as far as I know, were the after Christ deathbeds. What a procession of hosannas have marched through the dying room of the saints of the last nineteen centuries! What cavalcade of mounted halleluiahs has galloped through the dying visions of the last 2000 years save 100! Peaceful deathbeds in the years B. C.! Triumphant deathbeds, for the most part, reserved for the years A. D.! Behold the deathbeds of the Wesleys, of the Doddridges, of the Leigh Richmonds, of the Edward Paysons; of Vara, the converted heathen chieftain, crying in his last moments: "The canoe is in the sea. The sails are spread. She is ready for the gale. I have a good Pilot to guide me. My outside man and my inside man differ. Let the one rot till the trumpet shall sound, but let my soul wing her way to the throne of Jesus." Of dying John Fletcher, who entered his pulpit to preach, though his doctors forbade him, and then descended to the communion table, saying, "I am going to throw myself under the wings of the cherubim before the mercy seat," thousands of people a few days after following him to the grave, singing:

With heavenly weapons he has fought
The battles of the Lord,
Finished his course and kept the faith
And gained the great reward.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 8.

Lesson Text: "Christ's First Disciples," John i., 35-46—Golden Text: John i., 36—Commentary on the Day's Lesson by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

35, 36. "Again, the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples, and looking upon Jesus as He walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God." John was preaching and baptizing in Bethabara, beyond Jordan, and spoke of Jesus as one standing among them whom they knew not. The next day he seeth Jesus coming unto him and saith, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (verse 29). The next day of this verse therefore was a third day in the story. He does not now speak of taking away sin, but only of Him who takes it away. He Himself must occupy our attention, not as a mortal man, but as He who, having purged our sins, is at God's right hand, a risen immortal man, who was and is and is to come. The phrase "as He walked" makes us think of Him as He walked in the garden of Eden in the cool of the day, for He is the same Lord God who said to Adam, "Where are thou?" and who has ever been seeking the fellowship of man since first He created him in His own image.

37. "And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus." When we, as His witnesses, so speak that those who hear will follow Him, it is well, but if they follow us it is not well, for there is no man worth following except in so far as he follows Christ. When He is by us lifted up, He will draw unto Himself, and He was lifted up on the cross that all who look unto Him might be saved.

38. "Rabbi, where dwellest thou?" As Jesus turned and said, "What seek ye?" this was their reply. I think He is always saying that to us every day that we live. What seek ye in the house of God on His holy day? What seek ye in His book when ye read it, or when ye read any other book? What seek ye in your daily occupation in home or store or office on land or sea, at home or abroad? Is your answer like that of the Greeks, "We would see Jesus?" If so, He is always ready to reveal Himself to such, but it is in the old way of I Sam. iii., 21—"The Lord revealed Himself to Samuel by the word of the Lord." Where dwellest thou? might be answered by Isa. lxvi., 2, and lvii., 15, "He dwells in the lowly heart where there is a broken and contrite spirit."

39. "He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where He dwelt and abode with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour." It was about the sixth hour when before the crucifixion on that same morning Pilate said, "Behold your King" (John xix., 14), and as He was crucified at 9 a. m., as we reckon time it must have been 6 a. m., when Pilate said those words. At the same hour of the day He talked with the woman at the well (John iv.,6). Supposing that John uses the same reckoning in all his gospel, it must have been 10 a. m., when the two disciples went with Jesus.

40. "One of the two which heard John speak and followed Him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother." It is probable that the other of the two was John, the author of the gospel. There is an incident in each of the other gospels in which the writer probably refers to himself as the unnamed party. We are sure that it was so in the case of Matthew. See Math. ix., 10, and compare Luke v., 29. The others are Mark xvi., 51; Luke xxiv., 18. But it is Jesus whom we must see, not John, or Andrew or Matthew, Mark or Luke.

41. "He first findeth his own brother Simon and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ." By the testimony of John and the teaching of Jesus Andrew was convinced that Jesus was indeed Israel's long promised Messiah, and he hastens to tell the glad tidings to his own brother.

42. "And he brought him to Jesus, and when Jesus beheld him He said, Thou art Simon, the son of Jona." He therewith gave him a new name, Cephas, which means a stone. He did not need to be introduced to him to be told who he was, for He knew all men, and He knew what was in man (John ii., 24, 25). There is much pretty talk about Jesus which does not bring Him to the heart as the one altogether lovely, nor does it bring people to Him as the only one who can meet the soul's need by taking away our sins.

43. "The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow Me." We seem to have set before us the events of consecutive days, and if so this would be the fourth day of this series. Why He should go and seek Philip we do not know, but He knew, for He always knows just what He is doing and why He is doing it, and some day we shall see that He has never done without cause anything that He has done (John vi., 6; Ezek. xiv., 23).

44. "Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter." Perhaps the three, with James and John, were all, like Simeon and Anna, looking for the promised Messiah. The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him (II Chron. xvi., 9).

45. "Philip findeth Nathanael and saith unto him, We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." These men were students of prophecy. They had probably talked many a time of Him of whom we read in Gen. iii. and xlix., in the prophecies of Balaam, in Deut. xviii. and xxxii., in Ps. ii. and lxxii., in Isa. ix. and xl., in Jer. xxiii. and Ezek. xxxvii. and, in fact, everywhere.

46. "And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see." When he came and saw and heard Him for himself, then he cried, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God, Thou art the King of Israel" (verse 49). Micah had said that the Messiah would be born at Bethlehem. Hosea said He would come out of Egypt. Jeremiah said He would reign at Jerusalem, but where was it ever said that He would come from Nazareth? Nathanael was impressed with the thought that he was speaking to one who saw him when he evidently thought that no mortal eye beheld him. Perhaps under that fig tree he was communing with God. Jesus surprises him still further by telling him hereafter he would see still greater things, even an opened heaven, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man—evidently a reference to Jacob's vision of the ladder and a yet future fulfillment. Jesus said that Nathanael would see it; so shall we. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory (Col. iii., 4).—Lesson Helper.

The Philippine Currency.

Silver is the basis of the currency in the Philippine Islands. There is no gold in general circulation and has been none for more than twenty years. The Mexican dollar of a date previous to 1877 is current in the islands, and it is practically the only money in general circulation.

PEACE COMMISSION HOME

The Five Envoys Return to This Country With the Treaty.

DOCUMENT IS IN WASHINGTON.

The United States Peace Commissioners Arrive From Paris—They Immediately Proceeded to Washington and Presented the "Treaty of Paris" to the President—Senator Frye's Statement.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—The five Peace Commissioners for the United States reached this city Saturday morning on the American Line steamship St. Louis, after an absence abroad of two months, bringing with them the "Treaty of Paris."

The St. Louis reached her pier shortly after 9 o'clock. As the big liner was being docked the band played "The Star Spangled Banner." Senator Frye, William R. Day and Interpreter Fergusson were among the first to cross the gangplank, and they were soon followed by the rest of the party, consisting in all of forty persons. The five Commissioners—ex-Secretary of the State William R. Day, Senator Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota, Senator William P. Frye of Maine, Senator George Gray of Delaware, and Whitelaw Reid of this city were accompanied by their wives.

The Commissioners had agreed not to talk. Each announced this decision as soon as he was approached by reporters. "We have nothing to say about the treaty, until it is turned over to the President," said Senator Frye.

In response to further questioning, however, and when a published translation of the treaty, as given out in Madrid while he was at sea, was shown to him, Senator Frye said:

"Every article of the treaty was fought for by the United States Commissioners and stubbornly resisted by the Spanish. The points which the Spanish resisted most vigorously were the loss of the Philippines and the assumption of the Cuban debt. When the two commissions met the Spanish Commissioners' first proposition was, 'Let the Americans get out of Manila, the Island of Luzon, and disclaim all intentions of acquiring the Philippines, and then we will begin our negotiations.' After considerable parrying we made them understand that the negotiations had better proceed without such a sweeping condition or they might not proceed at all.

"Then the Spanish Commissioners wished the United States to assume all the Cuban indebtedness. We had to fight hard to convince the Spaniards that we did not think it right to impose such obligations on the American people, but after a hard fight of days and days our opponents yielded to our claims and signed the treaty, which I have no doubt will be approved by the President and ratified by the Senate."

COMMISSIONERS IN WASHINGTON.

Judge Day Presents the Treaty to the President of the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The American Peace Commissioners arrived in Washington from New York shortly after 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. They were driven in carriages to the White House, and at 4.40 o'clock were received by President McKinley in the Blue Parlor, together with all the attaches of the Commission. All the Commissioners were present—Mr. William R. Day, Senator Cushman K. Davis, Senator William P. Frye, Senator George Gray and Mr. Whitelaw Reid. The peace treaty was brought in a separate carriage by Mr. John Bassett Moore, Secretary of the Commission, and Mr. Michael, Chief Clerk of the State Department, who met the party at the Pennsylvania Railroad station.

Few persons were at the White House when the Commissioners and other members of the party arrived.

There was no formality in the reception by the President. The Commissioners remained half an hour, President Day of the Commission presenting the treaty, which was brought in a good sized satchel. President McKinley congratulated the Commissioners on the result of their mission in Paris and for each one had a special word of commendation for the successful manner in which the delicate negotiations leading to the peace settlement were conducted.

INDIANA HAS A LYNCHING.

A Mob Hangs a Man Who Attempted Wife Murder.

SCOTTSBURG, Ind. (Special).— Marion Tyler was placed in jail here several weeks ago, the result of an attempt on his part to kill his wife.

Shortly after midnight a few days ago a mob was formed. All were masked. They hurried to the Sheriff's residence in the jail, called him by name and, covering him and his sons with guns, the leader demanded the keys of the jail.

The demand was refused, but the mob became so threatening and determined that the Sheriff and his family were frightened into telling where the keys could be found. The mob took them, went to the jail where they got their prisoner and hanged him.

On November 3 Tyler shot and seriously wounded his wife and then made an ineffectual attempt at suicide.

His last trial was to have taken place January 13.

This is the first hanging in the history of Scott County, either lawfully or by lynchers.

CADETS SOON TO GRADUATE.

West Pointers Will End Their School Term in February, Instead of June.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—An order has been sent to the headquarters of the army directing that the first class of cadets at West Point be graduated in February, instead of the following June. This was in accordance with a recommendation made some time ago by Major-General Miles and now approved by Secretary Alger.

A United States army officer and official of the War Department explained that one object of General Miles in making the recommendation was to supply the pressing need now of young officers. Many are ill or on staff duty, and from other causes the line is depleted. In the Third Cavalry there are only five officers on duty. The assignment of the new second lieutenants, who number about fifty, will do much to relieve the situation, and keep out of the service many civilians who were unfit, but who might otherwise, through political influence, be appointed to second lieutenancies.

HOBSON OFF FOR MANILA.

The Merrimac Hero Was Lionized by Thousands at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (Special).—Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson has sailed for the Philippines on the steamer Gaelic. He will report to Admiral Dewey on his arrival and will undertake the work of raising and preparing for service under the flag of the United States the vessels of Admiral Montijo which suffered so severely in the battle of Manila Bay.

An immense crowd was at the dock to witness Hobson's departure. His carriage had great difficulty in getting through the throngs of people, who simply would not let him pass in quiet. Cheers upon cheers were given for him, and he was compelled at several points to say a few words to the people. Escorted by hundreds, Hobson finally managed to reach the vessel's side, and as he emerged from the carriage the cheers were renewed. Cries for a speech were ignored for some time, but they became so frequent and prolonged that Hobson was compelled to speak to the people. His remarks could hardly be heard save by a few people who stood close to him.

When the vessel got under way, all the steam whistles on the water front were given free play and the noise was terrific. The vessels in the harbor were decorated for the occasion, and flags dipped in Hobson's honor as the Gaelic passed up the harbor of the Golden Gate.

EXPEDITION SENT TO ILOILO.

General Otis and Admiral Dewey Take Measures to Preserve Order.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The Administration has taken steps to safeguard American interests in the city of Iloilo, on the island of Panay, one of the Philippine Archipelago, and a military and naval expedition has been sent there from Manila.

Cable advices have been received here from General Otis, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, and Admiral Dewey, commanding the naval forces there, showing that they are acting in concert in the matter.

General Otis reported that he had dispatched two regiments and a battery of artillery to Iloilo on army transports, and Admiral Dewey informed the Navy Department that the cruiser Baltimore had sailed from Manila for the same place.

It is explained that these officers are acting on their own discretion in the matter, and that no official advices have been received here to indicate that there is any unusual lawlessness in Iloilo. The expedition is more in the nature of a precaution, but active measures will be taken for the suppression of lawlessness if the condition of affairs requires it.

HID HER DAUGHTERS' LEPROSY.

Two Cases of Several Years' Standing Found at New Lexington, Ohio.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Special).—Dr. Charles O. Probst, Secretary of the State Board of Health, has investigated two reported cases of leprosy at New Lexington, Perry County. He has found the cases to be fully developed leprosy. The lepers are Hattie Garry, aged twenty-two, and her little sister Hannah, twelve years old. For a dozen years Mrs. Garry, a soldier's widow, has managed to conceal from her neighbors her children's affliction. Finally, forced by straitened circumstances, she told the story to the county authorities.

The two leper girls will be isolated in a cabin to be built among the hills outside the town limits. In this cabin, which will be Ohio's leper settlement, the mother will care for her daughters, while food and clothing will be furnished by the county. These cases are hereditary. The father of the girls contracted the disease in the South while a soldier in the Civil War. Symptoms of leprosy did not develop until after the father's death. For the last few years the girls have rarely left their mother's cottage, and then usually after dark.

The elder girl, Hatttie, has the disease in an advanced stage.

BANK STRANGELY ROBBED.

Time Locks Seemingly Fail to Protect at Lima, Ohio.

LIMA, Ohio (Special).—The American National Bank in Faurot's Opera House, which is situated on probably the most prominent street corner in Lima and directly across a narrow street from the central police office, was robbed Sunday night of $25,000. Not a clue to the robbery was left behind.

No explosives of any kind were used and there is scarcely the faintest scratch to indicate the use of a tool. Still, in obedience to the skill of the thieves, the delicate and complicated time locks operated the ponderous doors and exposed the money within hours ahead of the appointed time. The time locks were set to open at 11 o'clock Monday morning, and the robbery might not have been discovered until then had not one of the outer doors been left open by the robbers.

DROWNED IN A BOSTON PARK.

Thirty Children Go Through the Ice and Three Deaths Result.

BOSTON (Special).—The joy of Christmas Day was marred by one of the worst drowning accidents that has occurred in this vicinity for many years. Through the sudden breaking of the ice on Leverett Pond, in the park system, thirty girls and boys were thrown into eight feet of water.

The police and numerous Spectators worked hard to save them, but three of the children were drowned. They were James W. Clattenburg, Jr., ten years old; Arthur Collins, twelve years old, and Emma Miller, fourteen years old. The two boys lived in Brookline and the girl in this city.

BIRD PREVENTED A WRECK.

Flew Against Headlight, Shattered It and Saved a Train.

AUSTIN, Texas (Special).—The northbound passenger train of the International and Great Northern Railroad escaped a serious wreck forty miles below here through the intervention of a bird. Some one had tied a rail securely across the track.

A few miles before reaching the spot a bird, blinded by the headlight, flew against the glass, breaking it and extinguishing the light, which necessitated running slowly to the next station. The train, at reduced speed, struck the obstruction, tearing up the track and damaging the front of the engine, but no one was injured.

American Troops Patrolling Havana.

The American troops have begun the patrol of Havana, Cuba, in order to prevent disorders.

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MARKLESBURG.

Did you write it 1899?

January 2, 18° below zero.

Rev. Hartman, pastor of the Reformed church, is conducting a series of meetings in the Marklesburg church.

John McConaughey and wife, of Mapleton, spent Christmas with John's parents at Marklesburg Station.

Mrs. Wills, of our town, an aunt to Rev. Treverton, of Mapleton, is visiting her son Samuel at Riddlesburg, Pa.

The good housewives of our town are lamenting the loss of their flowers. Jack Frost did it on the night of the first inst.

The health of our town and valley is good; no contagious diseases; children attending school right along; the smallpox scare a thing of the past, and the Christmas entertainments were first-class and well attended.

Your correspondent took in the Farmers' institute held in Trough Creek on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The institute was a grand success and reflects credit upon those having the management in charge. The instruction was plain and practical, getting down to the every-day need of the ordinary farmer. Among those we met at the institute were our friends John R. Leehman and George G. Hutchison, of Warriorsmark; Robert Seeds, the inimitable "Bob" of Birmingham; our old comrade, M. L. Rex, of Mapleton—Luther still retains his army appetite and he encouraged the growing of beef by the Trough Creek farmers; and our time-honored friend, your Trough Creek correspondent. This friend is sound on every question save lime. He is a little radical, we think, on this question.

CALVIN.

C. M. Glasgow is on a business trip to Altoona.

D. K. Coder was away on business to Paradise last week.

C. C. Harbaugh, of Johnstown, visited friends here the past few days.

The revival services in the M. E. church will continue during the week.

B. F. Mierley and wife visited at the home of I. N. Quarry at Latta Grove on Tuesday.

Amos L. Beaty is wrestling with la grippe. Clayton Kyle is nursing frozen ears and fingers.

Mrs. W. M. Roland, who had been spending the holidays at her parental home, returned to Altoona on Saturday.

Ira Pheasant, son of C. M. Pheasant, has been confined to his bed for the last fortnight with congestion of the lungs. He is better at this writing.

A drop in the mercury of 100 degrees in fifty hours in this locality is something that does not often occur. On Friday it was circulating in the eighties and on Sunday night and Monday morning creepitg down from 15 to 20 below zero.

Mrs. B. F. Glasgow, whose illness has been noted in the ITEM, is much improved so that she is able to be up most of the time. The family of S. H. Pheasant, who have been under the care of Dr. Hamilton for a week past with grip, are improving.

Some few of our farmers attended the Farmers' institute at Trough Creek last week. The talks and lectures were very entertaining and we trust profitable to those present. We may have something further to say in the near future concerning Farmers' Institutes.

TROUGH CREEK.

The fall of hail and snow Saturday made sleighing that was enjoyed by many.

E. B. Greenland, of Altoona, buried his infant daughter in the Baptist cemetery on Sunday.

J. H. Wright, of Braddock, spent the holidays at home seeing acquaintances, his best girl included.

Simeon Wright, the oldest man in Little Trough Creek, took a ride of 3½ miles to eat his Christmas dinner at his son Jeff's.

According to the observation of others, as well as myself, Monday morning's frost would do up the peach crop for the coming season.

Sunday night at 10 o'clock our thermometer registered 15° below zero; Monday morning at 2.30 20 degrees, at 5.00 22 degrees and at 7.00 21 degrees.

H. G. Swope, who is doing his best, as he always does in the school room, to teach the pupils under his charge in the Mapleton schools, spent last week at home and enjoyed a sleigh ride on Saturday.

While attending institute at Trough Creek last week I had the pleasure of meeting the Marklesburg correspondent who is an intelligent as well as a Christian gentleman. I also met many other old acquaintances that I had not seen for years, among whom was S. C. McClain, of Philadelphia, who like the rest of us shows that he has been living a goodly number of years. He is one of Trough Creek's good production at the Cassville seminary, where there ought to be a good school to-day, the location having advantages seldom found.

SALTILLO.

Grandma Giffin, the oldest citizen of Saltillo, is quite seriously ill again.

Much sickness prevails and the new board of health is renovating the town. They have just posted their health ordinance, which all must abide by.

Lavina M., a little four-year old daughter of D. B. Kough, died very suddenly on New Year's morning from the effects of la grippe, which seems quite prevalent in the town.

Rev. J. J. Bullen, of the Baptist church, has accepted a call from Buffalo, N. Y., and tendered his resignation here. We are very sorry to lose Mr. Bullen's service and while he has done much for the church here we congratulate Buffalo n securing the service of so able a pastor. Our prayers go with him.

The entertainment given in the Baptist church on Monday evening, 26th ult., certainly reflects much credit upon the committee, especially Mr. Rupert, Miss Emma Madden and Mrs. J. W. Kapp. The tree was artistically decorated and the whole was a pleasnre to the large audience. Christmas trees and entertainments are very fitting for this sacred season and should be commendable to all churches.

Smith--Chilcote.

Huntingdon was the scene of another brilliant wedding on Thursday evening, December 22, 1898, the contracting parties being Edward M. Smith and Bertha A. Chilcote, of Page, Pa. The ceremony took place at 5.30 P. M., officiated by Rev. S. Traver, of 625 Moore street. Miss Florence Dopp rendered the wedding march and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. M. Bagshaw acted as assistants to the bride and groom. Shortly after the ceremony about thirty guests, including those from Mapleton, were invited out to a grand supper of which the menu was faultless.

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MARRIED.

EWING—LUTZ—In the Presbyterian church, Shirleysburg, on Tuesday evening, December 27, 1898, by Rev. D. H. Campbell, of Mount Union, Charles S. Ewing, of Newton Hamilton, and Miss Ora Permelia Lutz, of Germany valley.

SHINGLER—HARVEY—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Harvey, near Mapleton, on Thursday evening, December 29, 1898, by Rev. D. H. Campbell, DD, Mr. Henry L. Shingler, of Mill Creek, and Miss Odessa B. Harvey.

A Fine Piece of Color Work.

An experienced art critic gives it as his opinion that there will be no handsomer piece of color work issued this year than Hood's Sarsaparilla Calendar for 1899. It is not only useful, but artistic and beautiful, and up to date. The charming "American Girl" whose beautiful face appears with a delicately painted flag in the background, makes a pleasing feature which anyone will be pleased to have before him the whole of 1899. We suppose druggists will have this Calendar, or a copy may be obtained by sending 6 cents to C. I. HOOD, Lowell, Mass.

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ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago. 10-26-6m.

ORPHAN'S COURT SALE

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE!

The undersignod trustee, appointed by the Orphan's Court of Huntingdon County to sell the real estate of John Shoop, late of the township of Union, county of Huntingdon, and state of Pennsylvania, deceased, will expose to sale on the premises in Union township, two miles south of Mapleton,

Thursday, January 26th, 1899,

at 1 o'clock p. m., all the following described real estate, to wit:

Tract No. 1. All that certain messuage, tract or parcel of land situate in Union township, county of Huntingdon, beginning at a sugar by lands of John Shoop north 24½ degrees east 138 perches to a red oak; thence by lands of Samuel Dell north 49 degrees west 208 perches to stones; thence by lands of Eliel Smith now heirs of Levi Dell, south 30 degrees west 148 perches to stones; thence by lands of Samuel Dell south 49 degrees east 208 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 162 acres and 40 perches and the usual allowances, be the same more or less. Having thereon erected a Two-story Log House, Bank Barn, Wood house, Dry house, Smoke house, Wagon shed and other out buildings.

Tract No. 2. All that certain tract of land situate in Hare's Valley, Union township, and county of Huntingdon, beginning at a gum thence by Rocky Ridge north 23½ degrees east 242 perches to a walnut; thence by lands of Hares Lang north 62 degrees west 85 perches to a hickory; thence by lands of John Coughenour, now of Abram K. Miller, south 23 degrees west 240 perches to a white oak; and thence by lands of John Harrett south 60 degrees east 70 perches to place of beginning. Containing 108 acres and 54 perches and allowance, be the same more or less.

Tract No. 3. All that messuage, tract and tenement of land situate in Union township, county of Huntingdon, beginning at a post by lands of John Shoop, north 1 degree west 24 perches to a post; thence by lands of the said John Shoop north 67 degrees west 4 perches and 15 links to a sugar tree; thence by lands of the said John Shoop north 12 degrees east 21 perches to a sugar; thence by lands of John Shoop, jr., south 20 degrees west 60 perches to a post; thence by lands of John Shoop, jr., south 60 degrees east 20 perches to a post and place of beginning. Containing 2 acres and 123 perches, be the same more or less.

Tract No. 4. All that certain tract of land situate in Hare's Valley, Union township, and county of Huntingdon, beginning at a stone by lands of Levi Dell south 60 degrees east 17½ perches to a red maple; thence by lands of Levi Dell north 46 degrees east 12 perches to a sugar; thence by lands of Levi Dell, now J. C. Dell, north 67 degrees east 12 10 100 perches to a stone; thence by lands of John Shoop north 60 degrees west 24 perches to a stone; thence by lands of J. Shoop and Lemuel Dell south 24½ degrees west 23 10 100 perches to a stone and place of beginning. Containing 2 acres and 91 perches and allowances, be the same more or less.

The above tracts of land contain about 60 acres of good meadow land, well supplied with timber and running water in all the fields making them a very desirable piece of property. There is also a lime kiln separate and apart of said tracts of land which has been used in connection therewith and will also be included in the sale.

TERMS OF SALE:—Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when the properties are struck down, and 23⅓ per cent. upon confirmation of sale; 33⅓ per cent. of the purchase money with interest one year after date of confirmation, and to be secured by bond or mortgage of purchaser; the balance, or the widow's one-third, payable upon the date of the widow's death and to be secured by bond and mortgage of purchaser, with interest payable to widow annually.

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SIMPSON SHOOP,
Dec. 23, 1898. Trustee.

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The undersigned, executor of the estate of the late W. H. Rex, deceased, offers at private sale the real estate of the late deceased. This property is all in the Borough of Mapleton, is free from incumbrance of any kind, is well located, and those desiring comfortable homes could make no better investment. It is more economical to buy a home than to pay rent.

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"	"	"	11.50,	"	"	7.50.
"	"	"	10.00,	"	"	6.00.
Military	"	"	7.50,	"	"	4.75.
"	"	"	14.00,	"	"	5.00.
Ladies' Jackets,		were	$12.50,	$15, now		10.00.
"	"	"	7.50,	8, "		5.00.
"	Light "	"	5.00,		"	4.00.

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John G. Gillam.

The Mapleton Item.

Mapleton Depot, Pa., Jan. 4, 1899.

LOCAL NOTES.

—There is a great demand for houses in this place.

—Samuel Hatfield is having his ice house filled to-day.

—A. W. Swope and wife have both been seriously ill during the past two weeks.

—During the past week Mrs. A. B. Gillam visited in Tyrone, Petersburg and Manor Hill.

—For clothing, overcoats, dress suits, odd pants, coats or vests, go to W. G. Ewing's, Mount Union, Pa.

—Miss Mary Spanogle and Miss Viola Godard, of Huntingdon, were guests of Mapleton friends last week.

—Rev. Henry Treverton has been spending the past week at the home of his wife's father in Perry county.

—J. O. Heaton, Cassville, Pa., recommends and sells all of Chamberlain's remedies advertised in the ITEM.

—William Reed & Son advertise some heavy reductions in ladies' and children's jackets and ladies' capes. Be sure to look up the advertisement.

—Dress plaids as low as 5c per yd., (all wool); dress cloths at 25c and general line of dress goods at right prices at W. G. Ewing's, Mount Union, Pa.

—Prof. E. Guy Rex, of Derry, is enjoying a week's vacation beneath the parental roof. He is getting along nicely in his position and likes his work.

—No clue has as yet been found by which to identify the man who fell over or was knocked off the stone arch bridge north of town last Tuesday night.

—W. G. Ewing, Mount Union, Pa., has ladies' coats and capes, new this season, at very reasonable prices. Also misses' jackets and long coats at bargain prices.

—Misses Nannie and Myrtle Myton, of Petersburg, spent the holidays in Philadelphia. They stopped a few hours with their aunt, Mrs. A. B. Gillam, on their way home.

—Alfred Jones, aged 35 years, and Morse Knight, aged about 12 years, were drowned while out skating at Alexandria, this county, Monday afternoon. The bodies were recovered.

—An entertainment was given by the Mapleton band in Gillam's hall last Saturday evening. Those who were present pronounced it very good. The boys realized about fourteen dollars from the venture.

—Sigel Ashman, of Clay township, president of the Saltillo Telephone company, has been appointed postmaster of the state senate for the present session. Mr. Ashman is a worthy man and we congratulate him on his appointment.

—A teachers' local institute will be held at Garfield school house, in Smith valley, January 20 and 21. Everybody interested in the advancement of education is welcome to come and participate in the exercises.

—Hayes McConahy recently moved from Hill street to one of J. G. Gillam's houses on Railroad street; R. K. Potts from Ridge street to the old homestead on Hill street, and William McConahy from Hill street to the house vacated by Mr. Potts.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad company last week placed an order for one hundred thousand tons of rails to be delivered in 1899. This is the largest order ever placed at this season of the year and indicates a great deal of work for the next season.

—Mrs. James W. Henderson and family departed last Thursday evening for Waverly, Ohio, to join her husband who is employed at that place. She went via Harrisburg and Hagerstown and was accompanied as far as Harrisburg by her father-in-law, R. S. Henderson.

—Albert Hagans and two young sons last week went to the alms house at Shirleysburg. This step was taken by the advice of friends. Mr. Hagans is suffering from a diseased limb which incapacitates him from labor. He has always been an industrious man and a good citizen.

—The American Oak Leather Company are said to be looking for a location in this section of the state for an extract plant which will give employment to about 175 men. We know of no better place for them to locate than Mapleton. Wood is abundant, land is cheap, taxes low and water power elegant.

—The ladies of the U. B. aid society will hold a festival in M. L. Rex's store room January 20 and 21, to which they invite a generous public. A lunch table from which they will give you the worth of your money—oysters, ice cream, cake, candies, etc. Also at the same time they will sell one of their "patriotic" quilts. Everybody cordially welcome.

—The semi-annual meeting of the executive committee on synodical missions and sustentation of the Presbyterian churches of the Pennsylvania synod was held Wednesday in Harrisburg. An appropriation of $2000 was made for the weak churches and missions of the Presbyterian creed in the state. This makes a total of $25,000 appropriated to home missionary work during the year. Quarterly payments to these churches amounting to $7194 were also authorized.

—Jere B. Rex has again been honored by being re-elected chief clerk of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, a position which he has filled with credit. The Philadelphia *Inquirer* of this morning says: "The initial session of the House passed off without friction. Chief Clerk Jere B. Rex, of Huntingdon, presided over the preliminary gathering with an easy and business like manner, which demonstrated his fitness for the important roll of Speaker, which his friends hope he will be some day."

—The weather since last Friday has been as fickle as a Miss in her teens. On that day the thermometer registered 80 degrees above zero. Saturday rain, sleet and snow fell and the new year was ushered in clothed in the emblems of purity. Sunday the mercury began dropping and on Monday morning the thermometer registered from 12 to 22 degrees below zero—the coldest known in this section for many years. At Huntingdon the mercury ranged from 18 to 22½ below. At Brownsville, in the southern end of the county, it indicated 19 degrees below. We began to think the winter had set in in dead earnest but we hadn't concluded reading the cold weather dispatches until we were in danger of a sun-stroke. To-day has been as pleasant as a spring day. Grip and pneumonia flourish in such sudden changes in temperature.

MOUNT UNION.

Miss Dollie Fields is visiting in Mechanicsburg over the holidays.

H. H. Hunter, of McKee's Rocks, Pa., was the guest of his parents over Christmas.

way to Altoona, where they expect to remain for a few weeks with other friends.

Miss Lou R. Gayton spent a few days of the past week with friends in Philadelphia.

Dr. G. C. Borst, of Newville, Pa., was in town on professional business on Monday last.

Mrs. H. H. Miller and children, of Altoona, were the guests of friends in town last week.

An epidemic of grippe seems to have hold of every other person in this place at the present time.

Mrs. Lydia McLaughlin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. DeFrehn at their home in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Henry Shaffer started on Saturday on a visit to relatives and friends in McKee's Rocks, Pa.

John C. Appleby and Miss Katharine Appleby are the guests of friends in Norfolk, Va., this week.

Rev. L. M. Brady, of the M. E. church, began a protracted meeting in the church here on Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie Douglas, who is a student at the Philadelphia Dental college, is at home on the regular Christmas vacation.

Miss Dora Ewing and Miss Minnie Ewing, of McVeytown, were the guests of friends in town on Saturday, on their

Frank DeFrehn, wife and child, A. I. DeFrehn, George DeFrehn and Bert King, all of Johnstown, were visitors in town last week.

Stanley Clinger, wife and family, of Wilmerding, arrived in town last week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in town.

The spring-like weather of a few days last week has removed all the snow and spoiled the skating on the pond above town.

The senatorial caucus at Harrisburg and the pow-wow previous, were some attraction to a few of this town's politicians on Tuesday.

Jefferson street, from the railroad to Water street, received a covering of limestone screenings last week, which improves it considerably.

A dinner party was given last Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gayton to a number of family friends. About thirty guests were present.

Harry Douglas, of Shirleysburg, who was a private in Battery B, U. S. V. Artillery, and who saw active service in Porto Rico, was a visitor in town last week.

Dr. W. J. Campbell has purchased the Myers property on the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Division street and will occupy the premises as soon as Mr. Myers vacates.

W. G. Ewing and wife, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Rhodes and Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Campbell attended the Lutz-Ewing wedding, which was a swell affair, at Shirleysburg last week.

The woodwork of the new P. R. R. station is nearly completed, and a slate roof and a casing of buff brick will enclose the new structure, which will be very handsome, inside a week or ten days.

A cold wave, accompanied by rain, sleet and snow, struck this place on Saturday morning and continued for several days. The thermometer registered 8° below zero on Monday morning last at this point.

Jas. A. Davis, of this place, becomes the sole legatee of the late Mrs. M. Coleman, and by the will left by the deceased becomes the owner of her late residence and its contents, located on Water street.

Woodburn Maxwell, son of our hardware merchant, H. W. Maxwell, who holds a responsible position with the Carnegie Steel Co., at Homestead, Pa., spent some time with parents and friends here during the holidays.

John Yeaple, sr., died at his residence across the river from town on the 26th ult., aged about 77 years. The deceased had been ailing for a year or more and his demise, while not unexpected to his family, was a surprise to the community. The funeral was held on Thursday from the M. E. church of which he had been a member, with interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. A widow and nine children survive him.

"The Vagabonds," a farce comedy of three acts and twelve characters, which were assumed by home talent was rendered in the I. O. O. F. hall on Saturday evening, the 31st ult., to a small but enthusiastic as well as appreciative audience. The proceeds, which were of course small, are for the benefit of the library fund of the M. E. Sunday school. It is to be hoped that the entertainment will be repeated at some future date when the weather, which was intolerable on Saturday night, will be more auspicious.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by J. G. Gillam.

A Word to Farmers.

Farmers and others desiring to purchase fruit or ornamental trees are urged to correspond with me before purchasing. The stock I have sold in this county in the past years has proven true to name and the trees were healthy. This ought to be convincing evidence that it is better to buy from reliable home agents than from strangers. I intend canvassing the county thoroughly this season and want your patronage.

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Dr. George W. Thompson.

Dr. G. W. Thompson died at four o'clock this morning at his home in Mount Union of pneumonia, after an illness of but five days duration.

Dr. Thompson was a native of Half Moon valley, Centre county, and was born May 16, 1826, hence was aged 72 years, 7 months and 18 days. After two years study in Allegheny college he began the study of medicine with his brother Dr. John K. Thompson in Indiana county. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1854. April 22, 1855 he rode into Mill Creek on a horse borrowed from his brother. All his worldly possessions consisted of the clothes on his back and $2.50 in money. He decided to locate in the town and there remained until 1868, when he moved to Mount Union. He continued to reside in the latter place until the time of his death with the exception of two short intervals spent on the farm above Mapleton which he purchased of the late John Gayton. He was married to Miss Rebecca H. Dougherty, of Clearfield county, soon after locating at Mill Creek and to them were born two sons, Homer, deceased, and J. Harry, of Winfield, Kansas. Mrs. Thompson died October 23, 1866 and September 8, 1868 the doctor married Miss Linnie McGarvey, an estimable lady of Shirley towuship, who survives him. To this second marriage were born three sons: George W., Charles B. and Frank A., all of whom are living.

The doctor was an excellent practitioner and amassed considerable means in his profession. While exacting in business affairs he never claimed more than his own and to those in need he was generous. He assisted many in their early struggles in business and they will hold him in grateful remembrance. The doctor served a short time as assistant surgeon of the 84th Regt. P. V., in the civil war and in civil life frequently filled local positions. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Stewart A. Arnold.

Stewart Allison Arnold died at his home on Hill street at 6.20 o'clock this morning. Deceased was born in Turbett township, Juniata county, July 6, 1837, hence was aged 61 years, 5 months and 28 days. He was married to Rebecca Ann McCormick, of Union township, Mifflin county, August 10, 1865, who survives him. To them were born seven children, one of whom died several years ago. The surviving children are Adam, of Minnesota, William, of Huntingdon, George, of Brady township, and Albert, Belle and Clara at home. Mr. Arnold served his country in Co. K, 205th Regt. P. V., during the civil war and was nine months in the Army of the West. He lost an arm April 6, 1865 in the battle of Petersburg. For the past twenty-five years the family have resided in the vicinity of Mill Creek and Mapleton. The remains will be interred in the U. B. cemetery, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be held in the U. B. church. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of la grippe. During the epidemic of la grippe a few years ago when so many cases resulted in pneumonia, it was observed that the attack was never followed by that disease when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. It counteracts any tendency of a cold or la grippe to result in that dangerous disease. It is the best remedy in the world for bad colds and la grippe. Every bottle warranted. For sale by J. G. Gillam.

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Indian Espionage.

Every camp of white men in the Cocopah Country is watched by an Indian. Captain Newton H. Chittenden, the famous traveler and Indian archæologist, said that all the time he was on the desert an Indian or two remained with him at night. He did not notice the coincidence at first, but after five or six nights he took note, and invariably, near sundown, an Indian would appear. Generally it was a new Indian, one he had never seen before. He would ask for supper and tobacco, and, after partaking of the white man's hospitality, would curl up in his blanket and sleep. The unfailing regularity with which the Indians appeared, and always with the same excuse, that they had been hunting deer and were belated, excited Captain Chittenden's suspicion; but, as the Indians did not harm him, he did not molest them, but good-naturedly accepted their espionage during his stay in their country.—New York Sun.

His Attempt at Socialism.

A recently appointed vicar in East Angelica is trying to carry socialism into practice. Asserting that others have with himself an equal right to what he possesses, he lives in the upstairs rooms of his parsonage house and allows the parishioners the run of the downstairs apartments. Very few parishioners avail themselves of the privilege. The vicar in question has just been elected to the board of guardians, and his votes on questions of relief are awaited with interest.—London Tit-Bits.

In the government reformatory of West Australia, boy prisoners are handed over to the Salvation Army authorities, who employ them on a new industrial farm in the Collie district.

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"I sincerely thank you for the good advice you gave me and for what your medicine has done for me."

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Miss GERTIE DUNKIN,
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LONDON (By Cable).—It is no exaggeration to assert that the foremost topic compelling attention in Europe in general and in Great Britain in particular, overshadowing the dreary broils of domestic politics, is the remarkable, aggressive, commercial prosperity which the United States is manifesting. Hardly a newspaper review or a public speaker has failed to notice with what giant's strides America is coming into the first place in the alignment of the powers. It is certainly the chief subject of conversation on Lombard street and on the Continental Bourses.

Mr. James Bryce, in a speech before the Leicester Chamber of Commerce, sounded a warning to British manufacturers. He emphasized the fact that the exports of the United States and Germany had increased $170,000,000 and $105,000,000 respectively, between 1891 and 1897, while Great Britain's decreased $75,000,000. He further pointed out that the business of the United States was developing along many important lines, which Great Britain, he added, should have held against all competitors. Mr. Bryce unhesitatingly asserted that the United States could produce rails cheaper than Great Britain, and said he saw 'no possibility of opening new markets except in China.

Great Britain seems to have become reconciled to the capture of the iron markets by the United States. American firms are uniformly successful in bidding against the British firms. Consuls assert that all Europe is swarming as never before with the agents of American manufacturers of steel, street railroads, electrical apparatus and all kinds of machinery, who are leading the commercial invasion.

The Daily Chronicle comments upon the fact that American capitalists "have the courage of their financial opinions if they think they know the European situation better than the capitalists of the Old World."

FOUR OF A FAMILY DROWNED.

Three Children and Their Mother Perish in the St, Lawrence River.

ALEXANDRIA BAY, N. Y. (Special).—Three children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice off the north shore of Wells Island, in the St. Lawrence River, a few days ago, when it broke and they all fell in and were drowned.

A fourth child, a little girl, who was on shore, and had just warned the others, ran to the house and notified her mother. Mrs. Hagerman rushed to the scene, and in her endeavors to rescue the children broke through the ice, and she too was drowned.

Those drowned were Josephine Hagerman, thirty-four years old; Marsh Hagerman, thirteen years old; Addie Belle Hagerman, ten years old, and Bert Hagerman, seven years old.

Broke Through the Ice.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J. (Special).—Grover Geary, twelve years old, and his two smaller sisters, the children of Dewitt Geary, a railroad engineer, were drowned in the Morris Canal at Port Colden a few days ago.

Geary lives near the canal, and the children were accustomed to play on the ice when the canal was frozen. During the afternoon the mother missed the little ones, and, going to the canal, discovered a hole in the ice. Geary rushed to the canal and jumped in, hoping to find the children, but he was not successful. The bodies of the three little ones were found a short time afterward near where they had fallen in.

SENATOR MORRILL DEAD.

The Aged Vermont Statesman Passes Away at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Justin S. Morrill, the senior Senator from Vermont, died at 1.25 o'clock Tuesday morning in the eighty-ninth year of his age, after an illness of less than a week.

The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, which developed from an attack of grip contracted about a week before. The venerable Senator was confined to his home but seven days. Despite his advanced age he attended his Senatorial duties faithfully, and regularly went to the Capitol. His physician thinks that exposure to its rigors brought on the attack of grip.

Justin Smith Morrill, the "Father of the Senate," was born in Stafford, Vt., on April 14, 1810. Morrill was elected a Whig, but became a strong Republican from the foundation of that party.

After he had served twelve years in the House, Vermont made Morrill United States Senator, to succeed Luke P. Poland, and he took his seat March 4, 1867, a seat to which he was re-elected in 1872, 1878, 1884, 1890 and 1896, making his service in the Senate nearly thirty-two years, and his entire service in both branches forty-three years without a single break.

REAR-ADMIRAL BUNCE RETIRED.

Admiral Dewey Becomes the Commanding Officer of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—Rear-Admiral Francis M. Bunce, commandant at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, has been retired, having reached the age limit

REAR-ADMIRAL BUNCE.

Admiral Bunce is sixty-two years old, and for forty-seven years has served hit country in the navy.

He was appointed to the New York yard in May, 1897, and received his commission as a rear-admiral on February 6 last.

By the retirement of Admiral Bunce Admiral Dewey becomes the senior officer in the navy.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

John Bell, assistant stage carpenter at the Garrick Theatre, New York, was asphyxiated in his room at De Atley's Hotel a few days ago. It evidently was an accident, for the gas stove in his room was improperly lighted.

The Postoffice Department ordered the establishment of a military postoffice at Iloilo, island of Panay, in the Philippines, and detailed one soldier each from a California and a Tennesse regiment for service there.

Miss Frances Mills, daughter of Senator Roger Q. Mills, of Texas, was married at the Church of the Covenant to Lieutenant George Richards, United States Marine Corps. The guests included President McKinley and many representatives of the army and navy and the Senate.

Commodore J. W. Philip, formerly captain of the battleship Texas, will succeed Rear-Admiral Francis M. Bunce as commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Congress will authorize partial improvement of New York Harbor, leaving the full work to be provided for in the future.

P. T. O'Neill, Customs Inspector at New York, has been designated by the War Department as an Inspector of Customs at Havana.

Major-General Francis V. Greene has resigned his commission as an officer of the volunteer army preparatory to his return to private life. It was with regret that the War Department accepted his resignation.

Consul-General Goodnow has notified the State Department from Shanghai that the Chinese Government has forbidden dynamite and like explosives to be landed in China.

The cruiser Buffalo arrived at Port Said, Egypt, on the way to Manila, just sixteen and a half days out from New York. Thus she has broken all naval records up to that point in her voyage.

The papers in the court-martial of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, United States Engineer Corps, have been referred to the Attorney-General by the President for final revision. The Attorney-General will render an opinion as to the regularity of the the introduction of private papers of the accused officer at the trial.

Brigadier-General John N. Andrews has been relieved from the command of the Third Brigade, Second Division, First Army Corps, and ordered to join the Twelfth Infantry.

The Postmaster-General announced the establishment of seven additional military postal stations in Cuba, as follows: Pinar del Rio, Guanajay, Mariel, Trinidad, Las Tunas, Sancti Spiritus, and Cardenas,

Domestic.

Michael Ferrando, known as "The Big Greek," who was arrested for beating insensible and robbing a Greek sailor in New York City, was identified as Soteros de Sarantos, a ferocious brigand, for whose capture, dead or alive, the Greek Government has offered $1000.

Miss Mercedes Garcia, daughter of the late Calixto Garcia, the Cuban leader, died a few days ago at Thomasville, Ga., of consumption.

The title of the Northern Pacific Railroad to nearly nine million acres of land in the State of Washington is invalid, according to a majority report of the State Legislative Investigating Committee. The Legislature will be urged to restore this tract to the public domain.

Herman Kiseo, twelve years old, and Arthur Leedham, nine years old, were both drowned while skating on thin ice at Harris Pond at Woonsocket, R. I.

Mrs. Isabelle, her daughter, Mrs. Ossie Malone, and Mrs. Malone's infant child were burned to death in their home, near Hillsborough, Texas. The fire was caused by the use of kerosene to light a fire.

The gunboats Alvarado and Sandoval, captured from Spain in the late war, have completed coaling at Norfolk, Va., and sailed for Portsmouth, N. H.

Formal announcement was made in New York City of the engagement of Miss Virginia Fair and W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.

The steamer City of Osceola sank in twelve feet of water near her landing at Cairo, Ill. The steamer was valued at $70,000.

H. F. Bailey, cashier of the Colebrook National Bank of Colebrook, N. H., was arrested on the charge of misappropriating funds of the bank.

Robert Howard, convicted in Chicago of being an accessory before the fact in a murder case, has been sentenced to death.

Ira Sexton was hanged at Princeton, Mo., a few days ago, for the killing of Nathan Stark, a young farmer, on October 28, 1897, while trying to rob him.

Thomas J. Grubbs, forty, and Harry Roberts, seventy, fought a duel with pocket knives at Mooretown, Cal. Grubbs literally hacked his aged opponent to death. He was himself terribly wounded about the face and neck. Grubbs was arrested on a charge of murder.

A breach of promise suit was instituted at Reading, Penn., in which the plaintiff is Miss Elizabeth McVeigh, twenty-one years old, a poor girl, and the defendant George F. Hageman, forty years old, a leading member of the bar. She wants $10,000 damages.

James Mulholland, George Knowles and Harry Wilkie were arrested at Paterson, N. J., on a charge of having held up and robbed James Van Ness, a milk dealer.

W. F. Bechel, for sixteen years auditor of the Pacific Express Company at Omaha, Neb., was a few days ago acquitted of the charge of embezzling $200,000 of the company's funds. His trial had lasted a month.

John Hedfors, foreman in John P. Rydberg's quarry at Worcester, Mass., was endeavoring to remove a blasting charge which he thought had failed, when the charge exploded. Hedfors was blown many feet in the air and his body came down headless. He leaves a wife and six children.

Twenty-five torpedo cases have arrived at Fort Constitution, New Castle, N. H. They were ordered by the War Department for Portsmouth Harbor during the recent war, but the demand for them at other places delayed their arrival. There are now 125 torpedoes and mines at New Castle for use in case of emergency.

Jim Baird, colored, and Andy Hicks, a young white man, both miners, had a quarrel at the North Jellico mines, near Barbourville, Ky., a few days ago. Baird shot and fatally wounded Hicks. Baird was then shot and killed by some one in the crowd. Hicks's brother is charged with committing the deed.

Foreign.

Thirty army officers were sent to jail for four days in Paris, France, for subscribing to the Henry prosecution fund started by the Libre Parole.

The Philippine insurgents on the Island of Samar captured the town of Calbayon, and the Spaniards took refuge in the house of an American, who protected them.

THE MARKETS.

Late Wholesale Prices of Country Produce Quoted in New York.

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BUTTER.			
Creamery—West. extras. .$	—	@$	21
Firsts	19	@	20
Thirds to seconds	15	@	18
State—Thirds to firsts	15	@	18½
State Dairy tubs, extras	—	@	18
Imitation Creamery	13	@	17
Factory, fresh firsts	—	@	13½
Low grades	12	@	13
CHEESE.			
State—Full cream, fancy	9¾	@	10½
Small	10¾	@	11
Part skims, good to prime	5½	@	6
Full skims	3	@	3½
EGGS.			
Nearby—Fancy	—	@	30
State and Penn—Fresh	26	@	27
Western—Choice	—	@	26
Southern—Choice	24	@	25
BEANS AND PEAS.			
Beans—Marrow, choice, 1898	1 50	@	1 52½
Medium, 1898	—	@	1 32½
Pea, choice, 1898	—	@	1 25
Red kidney, choice, 1898	1 75	@	1 80
White kidney, choice, 1898	1 75	@	1 80
Yellow eye	1 50	@	1 55
Lima, Cal., ₱ 60 lbs	2 30	@	2 35
Green peas, bags	87½	@	90
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples, Greenings, ₱ bbl	3 25	@	3 75
Baldwin, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	3 50
Spy, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	3 50
Grapes, Catawba, ₱ basket	10	@	14
Niagara, ₱ basket	—	@	—
Cranberries, Cape Cod, ₱ bbl	5 00	@	7 50
Jersey, ₱ bbl	—	@	5 00
HOPS.			
State—1898, choice, ₱ lb	19	@	20
Fair to prime	15	@	18
Pacific Coast, 1898, choice	—	@	20
Common to prime	13	@	19
Old odds	4	@	8
LIVE POULTRY.			
Fowls, ₱ lb	—	@	9
Chickens, ₱ lb	—	@	7
Roosters, ₱ lb	—	@	5
Turkeys, ₱ lb	8	@	9
Ducks, ₱ pair	40	@	60
Geese, ₱ pair	75	@	1 37
Pigeons, ₱ pair	10	@	15
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, ₱ lb	6	@	12
Chickens, Phila	9	@	14
Jersey	6½	@	8½
Fowls, State & Penn., ₱ lb	7½	@	8
Ducks, Western	5	@	8
Nearby, ₱ lb	8	@	9
Geese, Md., ₱ lb	9	@	10
Squabs, ₱ doz	1 25	@	2 50
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay—Prime, ₱ 100 lb	—	@	65
Clover mixed	42½	@	52½
Straw—Long rye	40	@	50
Short rye	—	@	—
Oat	—	@	—
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, L. I., ₱ bbl	1 75	@	2 00
Jersey, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	1 37
Sweet, ₱ bbl	1 25	@	2 50
Cabbages, ₱ 100	2 00	@	4 00
Onions, Conn. white, ₱ bbl	3 00	@	6 00
Red and yellow, ₱ bbl	1 50	@	2 25
Egg plant, ₱ bbl	2 50	@	5 00
Tomatoes, ₱ carrier	1 50	@	3 50
Squash, marrow, ₱ bbl	50	@	60
Turnips, Russia, ₱ bbl	60	@	80
Green peas, Fla., ₱ basket	1 00	@	2 50
Cauliflower, ₱ bbl	1 00	@	6 00
String beans, ₱ crate	1 00	@	2 25
Lettuce, ₱ basket	50	@	2 00
Brussels sprouts, ₱ qt	4	@	12
Celery, ₱ doz	5	@	40
Lima beans, ₱ bag	1 50	@	2 00
Spinach, ₱ bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Beets, ₱ bbl	75	@	1 00
Kale, ₱ bbl	35	@	60
Carrots, L. I., ₱ bbl	70	@	90
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter Patents	3 75	@	4 00
Spring Patents	3 85	@	4 10
Wheat—No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	79⅜
No. 2 Red	—	@	80¾
Corn—No. 2	45⅜	@	45⅝
Oats—No. 2 White	35	@	35½
Track mixed	33	@	35
Rye—Western	—	@	63
State	—	@	59½
Lard—City steam	5.15c	@	5.20c
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	7	@	8¾
Calves, city dressed	9	@	12
Country dressed	6	@	9½
Sheep, ₱ 100 lb	3 50	@	4 00
Lambs, ₱ 100 lb	5 25	@	5 90
Hogs—Live, ₱ 100 lb	3 70	@	3 85
Country dressed	3½	@	5¼

AN UNPARALLELED YEAR.

1898 Closed With the Biggest Volume of Business Ever Known.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—The condition of trade in the United States for the year just closed was without a parallel in the history of the country. At the close of 1892 business men looked back upon a year whose prosperity had been greater than the country had ever known, but it is now declared that 1898 surpassed 1892 as greatly as the latter surpassed its predecessors. Referring to this Dun's Review for December has the following:

"It is a year beyond parallel and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. Enormous transactions at the Stock Exchange make some difference and heavy railroad earnings, but when all the transporting and speculative interests are eliminated there is still a much larger business than in any other month of any year. Last year the exports were in volume greater than in any previous month in the history of the country, but this year the three weeks' report shows an increase of twenty-five per cent. against nine per cent. in imports, which would indicate much more than $70,000,000 excess of exports this month. The payments through clearing houses have been for the week 26.5 per cent. greater than last year and 12.4 per cent. greater than in 1892 and for the month 17.8 per cent. larger than in 1892."

Bradstreet's says: "Probably never before at this date was the course of general business so animated as it is at present. Speculative activity is no longer confined to the stock market, but has widened to include wheat and corn among the cereals and copper among the metals, while the rush of business in iron and steel seems little, if any, abated, and some lines, notably cotton goods and raw wool, are displaying an activity and strength which would have been welcomed at any time for a year past. Prices of securities and staples alike furnish examples of aggressive strength."

Cotton Allowed to Rot in Fields.

In the cotton district tributary to New Orleans, where the weather has been bad and the yield has been so poor that in many instances it will not pay to pick the cotton crop, thousands of acres have been abandoned and the cotton allowed to rot in the fields. In Franklin parish as much as sixty per cent. of the cotton is still standing in the fields and will not be picked; and in the hill parishes of North Louisiana from twenty to forty per cent. of the cotton has been abandoned.

Just a Cough

Not worth paying attention to, you say. Perhaps you have had it for weeks.

It's annoying because you have a constant desire to cough. It annoys you also because you remember that weak lungs is a family failing.

At first it is a slight cough.
At last it is a hemorrhage.
At first it is easy to cure.
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A Spanish Woman's Gift.

After the three days' fighting we moved from San Juan Hill to another, that we came later to call Misery Hill. It was while we were on Misery Hill that Private Earl got the Spanish mantilla. The Spanish refugees were at El Caney and Earl and I ran the guard lines and went there to look at them. That was after the surrender. Some of the refugees were well dressed, but all were hungry. Seated on the porch of a cottage we encountered a handsomely attired Spanish woman. We opened communication by signs.

The woman signed that she was hungry. Earl emptied his haversack of bacon and hardtack and gave it to her. After a little further attempt at thumb and finger conversation we started on. We had not gone many steps when the woman caught up with us and thrust her mantilla into Earl's hands. He tried to refuse it, but she would not take it back. So he thanked her and we continued our siroll. The mantilla was a beautiful piece of fabric. It was silk, so soft that you could crush it into a single handful, and embroidered with life-like figures in gold.

"What in thunder," I asked "will you do with the mantilla?"

Earl held it up and let the sun shine through its folds, bringing out all its silken beauty, and said with a smile:

"I'll take it home for my mother to wear on Sundays."

Private Earl died of fever at Montauk Point. The newspapers say his mother vainly searched for him through that big camp for four weary days. And then found not her son, but his grave. I sometimes wonder if she ever got that mantilla.—New York Sun.

Chalk For a Foundation.

There is a village in England built upon an enormous bowlder of chalk. This bowlder is half a mile long, and must have been carried coastward a distance of twenty-five miles by some great iceberg. It was dropped to the bottom of the glacial sea, where it became partly covered and surrounded by blue-gray bowlder clay.—London Answers.

WE WILL OCCUPY ILOILO.

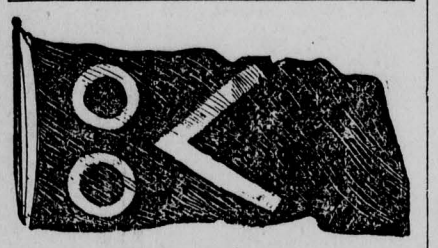
Spaniards Surrendered the City to the Filipinos, Who Must Give It Up.

THEIR FLAG TO BE TAKEN DOWN.

General Rios, Spanish Commander in the Visayas, Surrendered to the Insurgents Before the Arrival of American Forces —President McKinley Orders General Otis to Occupy the City.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special.)—General Rios, the Spanish commander, by surrendering Iloilo to the Philippine insurgents, has brought the United States face to face with the problem of controlling Aguinaldo and his followers.

The first official news of the evacuation of Iloilo by the Spaniards came to the State Department in a brief cable message from Singapore. It was sent by Spencer Pratt, the United States Consul-General there, and said:



THE FILIPINO'S FLAG.
(President McKinley has ordered that it be replaced by Old Glory at Iloilo.)

"Iloilo taken 24th; Spanish fled to Borneo."

The War Department was immediately informed of this news. A few hours later General Otis's message came. It is as follows:

"MANILA, December 27.—Sent Colonel Potter on fast vessel to Iloilo on 24th to communicate with Spanish General Rios. Latter evacuated evening of 24th and Potter thirty-five hours late. Insurgents took possession of the city on the 26th and Potter found Aguinaldo's flag flying. Cannot now report probable result. Will not hear from there for four days, as no cable communication. Spanish forces have evacuated all stations in southern islands except Zamboanga, in Mindanao, by orders, as they say, from Madrid.

OTIS."

President McKinley and his advisers fully realize the gravity of the situation, but they have implicit confidence in Major-General Otis and Admiral Dewey in their ability to do whatever is necessary to maintain the authority of the United States. By direction of the President instructions were sent on Wednesday to General Otis giving him plenary powers in dealing with the insurgents at Iloilo, but at the same time telling him to take a very firm and positive stand and occupy Iloilo with American troops.

The force sent by General Otis to take possession of the city, which is under the command of General Marcus Miller, consists of the Eighteenth Regular Infantry, Battery G, of the Sixth Regular Artillery, and the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteers. It was carried on three transports and convoyed by the cruiser Baltimore and the gunboat Callao. General Miller is regarded by the War Department officials as a very capable officer.

KENTUCKY MORMONS GO ARMED.

They Attend Religious Services Carrying Shotguns—Efforts to Drive Them Out.

VANCEBURG, Ky. (Special).—The unusual sight of members of a religious organization going to and from their place of worship armed with shotguns to protect themselves against so-called "Whitecaps" was witnessed in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood of the county a few days ago. It is in this region that the Mormons have gained a strong foothold by their missionary work, several of the best citizens of the village having been converts to the Mormon belief. At a considerable expense the band had built a church, which was about to be dedicated a few weeks ago, when a firebug applied the torch to it, and it was destroyed. Since then some of the elders have been beaten and other assaults have been committed on the Mormons by alleged Whitecaps.

The Mormons say they knew who burned their church, which was the only one of their faith in the State, but they say they will not prosecute them, wishing to avoid further trouble. Several farmers have only recently been ordained as elders in the church. Elders Charles Hauck and J. T. Pubble have received notice through the mails that if they did not quit giving shelter to and aiding the "Mormons from Utah" who had been stopping with these men for several days they would be severely dealt with. The Mormons say they do not want to have any trouble, but will protect themselves from violence.

Preparations are being made for the entire membership of the local church to go to Utah and settle permanently. I. N. Parker of Pleasant Hill neighborhood and Elder Blackburne have left for Salt Lake City to prepare for the exodus.

TO PAY THE CUBAN SOLDIERS.

Administration Will Recommend That Congress Vote to Advance the Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special).—The suggestion that the United States pay the soldiers of the Cuban Army of liberation on condition that they lay down their arms and disperse will be warmly indorsed in a communication which Secretary Alger will send to Congress. The decision of the Secretary, which has the approval of the President, was reached only after careful consideration of the problem presented by the presence in Cuba during its occupation by United States troops of large bands of Cubans, whose real work had ended with the signing of the peace protocol, but who decline to lay down their arms.

The plan which Secretary Alger will recommend is that Congress appropriate enough money to pay every Cuban soldier $100, the amount appropriated being charged against the revenues of the island, as a loan by the United States. The recommendation that authorization be given to pay the army of liberation out of the United States Treasury will be made so that the amount necessary may be immediately available. Otherwise, the War Department could discharge the Cubans from service only as the proportion of Cuban revenues to be used for the payment becomes available.

NEW YORK'S MURDER MYSTERY.

A Deadly Poison Sent to Another in a Present Causes a Widow's Death.

NEW YORK CITY (Special).—Mrs. Kate J. Adams, a widow, fifty-two years old, died suddenly a few days ago at her home after taking what she thought to be a dose of one of the effervescing salts used to relieve headache. The physicians who attended her and the Coroner's office are equally certain that she took one of the deadliest poisons known—cyanide of potassium—and that the investigation of the case will result in disclosing one of the most daring poisoning cases ever attempted in this city. The case in many ways is similar to the now famous Botkin-Dunning case.

The present case has added interest in the fact that, if the police theory is correct, the poison was intended for Harry Cornish, the physical director and manager of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club, who received the package by mail containing the poison as a Christmas gift.

Mrs. Adams complained of a headache, and the poison was given to her for bromo seltzer. Mrs. Adams was at once attacked by violent nausea and convulsions and died in twenty minutes. Cornish, who tasted the mixture after she displayed alarming symptons, suffered intensely, and narrowly escaped the death which is supposed to have been planned for him.

It is believed that a woman, inspired by jealousy, intended to murder him because of his attentions to another, as the package was addressed in a woman's handwriting. But that, it is hinted, may have been a ruse of a male murderer to escape detection. The police are working on the case.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN KANSAS.

A Bill to Compel the Governor to Sign Fifty-nine Death Warrants.

TOPEKA, Kansas (Special).—A bill was introduced in the Legislature Thusrday compelling the Governor to sign the death warrants of all persons convicted of murder in the first degree. The bill also provides for the putting to death within the period of one year of all convicts now in the penitentiary under death sentence. There are fifty-nine such convicts. The number has increased from year to year, a result of the present law relating to capital punishment, which leaves the signing of death warrants optional with the Governor. No Kansas Governor has ever seen fit to sign a death warrant.

The bill is the result of the recent trial and conviction of John Collins on the charge of having murdered his father, J. S. Collins, a Topeka capitalist, last fall. Governor Stanley recently declared that he would not sign Collins's death warrant. The passage of this bill would compel him to do so or resign. Mr. Stanley says he will resign before he will sign the death warrants of the convicted murderers in the penitentiary. "I will never permit myself to become a murderer, even under the sanction of law," he declared.

CLERK AND MONEY DISAPPEAR.

Trusted Employe of an Express Company Absconds With $60,000.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (Special).—The local office of the Wells-Fargo Express Company is out a money package containing $60,000. The money was sent here from Houston for the Southern Pacific to meet its pay roll west from this city to El Paso. It arrived Wednesday morning, and was given to C. A. Beeler, the Wells-Fargo money delivery clerk, to hand over. Beeler started for the station, and was seen en route. Four hours after his departure his wagon was found five miles west of the city in a thicket, the horse almost dead from the effects of hard driving. Inquiry developed the fact that no delivery had been made. There was no evidence of a struggle in the vicinity where the vehicle was found. Beeler had been in the employ of the company for nine years, and enjoyed the confidence of all. He spent several years on the frontier as a cowboy.

A PECULIAR ADMIRALTY CASE.

Fishermen Sue For Money Found on the Body of a La Bourgogne Victim.

BOSTON, Mass. (Special).—A unique admiralty case was heard in the United States District Court a few days ago namely, a libel brought for salvage for the saving of United States and French money of the value $1,050 found by Gloucester fishermen on what the law terms a derelict at sea. The derelict in the case was the dead body of a man, believed to have been a victim of the disaster to the steamer La Bourgogne last July. The body has not been identified.

The libel was that brought by the owners of the fishing schooner William H. Cross, in behalf of themselves, her master and crew of fourteen men against the property found. The body was buried at sea, and all efforts to find relatives of the derelict have failed. After hearing the case, Judge Lowell took the matter under advisement.

WOMAN MURDERED BY A DOCTOR.

Many Persons Witness a Tragedy in the Street in Bloomfield, Ind.

BLOOMFIELD, Ind. (Special).—Thursday afternoon Dr. E. E. Gray killed Mrs. Lizzie Skinner on the street within 100 feet of the railroad station in plain view of many people. He stabbed her four times with a surgical knife, and she died instantly.

Gray made threats that he would kill the woman on Thursday. He was watching for her at the station, as she was coming to take the train. After the killing he immediately gave himself up. Mrs. Skinner left a former husband on account of Gray, and he has deserted a wife and family for her.

Dr. Gray is about thirty years old, and is a son of J. W. Gray, one of the most prominent physicians of the county.

KILLED FOR FORTY DOLLARS.

A Man and His Wife Confess to Poisoning a Soldiers' Home Inmate.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (Special).—Albert Funk and his wife were arrested a few nights ago for the murder of Chris Melga for his money. The murder was committed two weeks ago, and Drs. Washburn and Wilson, who conducted the post mortem, pronounced it a case of heart failure. Funk and his wife have confessed to having put a large dose of rat poison into a cup of coffee which Melga drank a few hours before his death.

Funk is a teamster and has been working for a dollar a day. He was in hard straits. Melgo was about sixty-five years old and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home. The victim was supposed to have a large sum of money about him, but the Funks got only $40 as a reward for their crime.

Why Rubbers Are Considered "Good Form."

There was a time, not so many years back, when it was not quite fashionable to appear too robust. A little languor was considered rather becoming in a young woman. But that day has passed. The pale, drooping, indoor girl has given way to the riding, walking, golf-playing girl. Health has received the seal of fashion.

And everything that conduces to health is now good form. For instance, in the matter of wearing rubbers. A few years ago a good many women objected to wearing rubbers, on the ground that they detracted from the trim appearance of the foot. But everybody knows that nothing else ruins the health as quickly as wet feet, and the only possible way to have dry feet—especially in winter—is to wear rubbers. So rubbers have come back into style as indispensable to good health.

The added fact that rubbers are now so much more shapely and graceful in their lines than they were a dozen years ago, and that they are now made in such infinite variety, has served, of course, still further to increase their popularity.—Harper's Bazar.

An Argument.

It is the part of every householder, or any one in authority, public or private, to carefully consider orders before they are given. But after they are issued it would be suicidal to all government to argue out the matter with employe, servant, or child. From the nature of things, they cannot judge the necessity or worth of the command it is their part to carry out.

Many funny stories are told of freshly trained soldiers and sailors, to whom the thought was new that their first virtue was implicit obedience. One such tale dates back to our Civil War, and is told for truth by one who overheard it. A sailor of one of the big gunboats of the time was notorious for his lazy habits, as well as for his ingenuousness in finding excuses for his careless ways. While seemingly honest, he was often hauled up for reprimand or punishment.

The captain, a passionate man and a believer in stern discipline, lost patience with Tom, and when the fellow was brought before him for the third time in one week for some neglect of work, he said, angrily,

"What—again, Tom?"

"I'm not here of my own will, sir," began simple Tom.

And poor Tom, finding his efforts to speak were cut off, at last said, resignedly:

"Well, captain, have it your own way. I didn't come here to argue with you, sir!"

And after that Tom's unsympathetic comrades called on him every day in his imprisonment, which he may have deserved, but scarcely understood, and told him that they "did not come to argue with him!"

And while Tom's story sounds absurd, it is true that many of us are just as foolish, and take just as long to learn the beauty and strength of obedience.—Harper's Bazar.

Knows French History.

A curious character in Paris is a man who makes his living by strolling along the boulevards and making wagers at the cafes that he can answer correctly any question that relates to the history of France. He is very successful.—London Spare Moments.

Japan with a population of 45,000,000 has 220 towns that have more than 100,000 inhabitants.

Makes the Spot Vanish.

A slight rap may cause a bruise, or a slight blow a black one, sore and tender. But it is easy to cure a bruise by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, and make the spot vanish and the soreness heal.

The salmon catch in the Columbia for 1898 was 6,018,022 pounds less for 1897.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Amateur photographers in Russia are obliged to secure licenses.

To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

A pneumatic corset, for the use of women learning to swim, has been invented.

The advantages of Sulphur as a purifier Glenn's Sulphur Soap places within reach of all Hill's Hair & Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50c.

The skeleton measures one inch less than the height of the living man,

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an A No. 1 Asthma medicine.—W. R. WILLIAMS, Antioch, Ills., April 11, 1894.

The world uses over 3,500,000 steel pens a day.

Coughs Lead to Consumption.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 8. "A Precious Invitation." Text, Math. xi, 28-30.

"Come unto Me."

The lot of a beast of burden in the east is far from an easy one. Heavy loads, long hours of work, scant feed and abundant abuse are all too frequent. During the journey or the hours of work in the field little relief need be expected. Pathetic as is the condition of dumb animals, that of human beings is often more miserable and helpless. As the nature is higher and more capable of knowledge and spiritual pleasure it is by that very fact exposed to keener pain and consciousness of evil.

How many, even young in life, grow heartsick and soul tired, spirit hungry and utterly weary with the endless toil and strife. They crave love and good cheer. To all who find the burdens of life heard to bear, Jesus calls as a kind hearted man might call to an overloaded animal, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." Is it possible that in the midst of the work the pack shall be taken from the back and it shall be allowed to wander free and feed and sleep and rest? This is impossible while the caravan must move on in the desert and the plow be pulled through the furrow and the grain be trodden out on the thrashing floor. The work must go on, the load must be carried for our good and the good of others. The oasis and wells shadowed by palm trees are not yet reached. What then?

"Take My yoke upon you."

He puts His own neck into the yoke with us. He harnesses Himself alongside us to the plow. His own back shares the load we carry. His strength takes the weight that crushed us and we grow strong by His side. His presence beside us gives the thrill of companionship and cheer. He touches us as no other one does. He works so easily, so gladly, so tenderly with us. He shows us how to carry our part that still remains. The road is no shorter, the sun no less scorching, the load not an ounce less; but, oh, what a change! His yoke has made all so easy! The soul rests. The harness no longer chafes and galls. With songs of gladness we can do our work because we are working with and for Christ.

Patron of Learning.

Methodism from the first has been the patron of learning. The movement was born in a university and has ever encouraged true investigation. Intelligent piety has been the aim of all her efforts. Scripture holiness means intelligent, understanding devotion. This it is the mission of Methodism to diffuse and establish.

Wesley, among his first acts, established a school for the neglected children of the miners near Bristol, England, which still lives and does good work. Asbury and Coke made early and strenuous efforts to found a college in America. Education has been fostered from the early days to the present. The long list of academies, colleges, universities and theological seminaries under the control of the church compares favorably with that of any church in the land. In every foreign mission field the school stands side by side with the chapel and medical dispensary.

At the beginning of this century religion was at a low ebb in the colleges of the land. Atheistic thought was in the ascendant. At the present time a large body of the teaching force is actively Christian, and a greater proportion of students than ever before are consistent believers in Christ. How much of this has been brought about by Methodist influence it would be impossible to say. But no inconsiderable share in shaping these changes must be credited to this source.

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My Portion.

To count no cost in time or will,
To simply try my place to fill,
To do because the act is right,
To live as living in His sight,
To try each day His will to know,
To tread the way His will may show,
To regulate each plan I make,
Each hope I build or hope I break,
To please the heart which pleases me
Through daily tireless ministry,
To live for Him who gave me life,
To strive for Him who suffered strife
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Let this my joy, my portion be.

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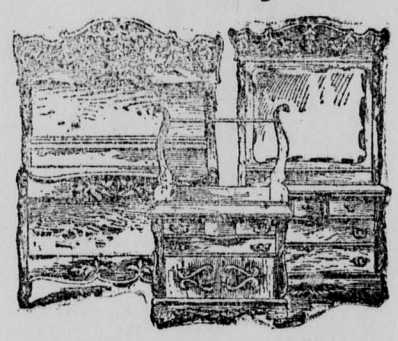

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